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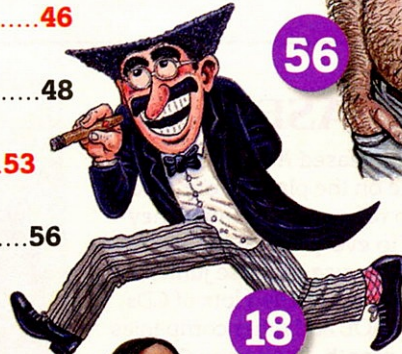
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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In the interest of fairness, the current staff of MAD feels it cannot claim responsibility for all 500 issues of MAD that have been published. We proudly stand on the garbage heap created by those who have gone before us — most notably, editors Harvey Kurtzman, Al Feldstein, Nick Meglin, and Jenette Kahn and art directors John Putnam and Lenny Brenner. Also culpable are the 704 writers and artists, collectively known as "the Usual Gang of Idiots" who have contributed their "talent" to MAD since its inception in 1952. With this editorial note we acknowledge and thank each and every one of them (in lieu of some sort of bonus check)! *JF*



A MAD Factoid... The original Norman Mingo painting of Alfred E. Neuman recently sold at Heritage Auctions for \$203,150 (cheap!), the highest price ever paid for a single piece of comic art in the United States.



Having a smoking section in a restaurant makes about as much sense as having a peeing section in a swimming pool!



ALFRED E. NEUMAN

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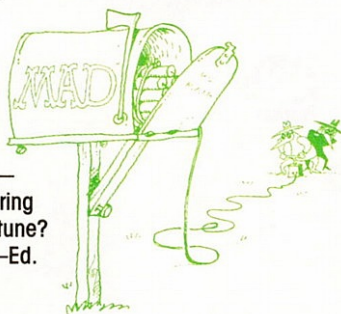
A MAD Factoid...
Alfred E. Neuman was
originally known by many
names, including Mel Haney
and Melvin Cowznofski!

AN HEIR-HEADED PROBLEM

I want to congratulate the entire MAD family for reaching what is truly a publication milestone, its 500th issue. But more than that, I want to thank the MAD family for allowing me to grow up with them in my 61 years (and their 56 years). Throughout the years, I have savored MAD's humor and satire, as only MAD could editorialize. From buying missing issues on eBay to complete my collection, to attending a Sotheby's auction with other MAD fanatics and browsing through William M. Gaines' memorabilia, I will always remember how much MAD has meant to me, even though my efforts to convince the U.S. Postal Service to create an Alfred E. Neuman stamp have failed. Even now I continue to buy two copies, one to read, fold-in and use as a coaster for my morning coffee, and the other to store in my collection. My only question is how to convince my daughters, once I'm gone, to keep my treasured collection, rather than putting it up on eBay.

David Lubin, Tampa, FL

Jiffy Lubin — The better question may be, once your daughters realize how much your MAD collection is worth — how to keep them from murdering you so they can inherit that fortune? Enjoy your sleepless nights! —Ed.



MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



STEVEN IS
SEALED
WITH A
KISS

As you can see, this Celebrity Snap is with the rock band Kiss. It was taken after the concert we went to. My friend and I met them backstage (we had to pay for the backstage experience.) I just happened to bring along a MAD in my bag. Ace Frehley is holding it, but they couldn't sign it because of time constraints. But I am very happy they allowed us to pose with it and Ace even held it.

Steven Ferrara, Stratford, CT

Steve of Destruction — Just to recap, you had to PAY to see them backstage, and then they wouldn't even sign the issue for you? Sounds like they really take care of their fans! And by the way, what time constraints?!? Did Gene Simmons have to run out so he could make another sex tape of him cheating on the mother of his children? We think it's worth noting that the guy holding the issue is clearly the least happy of the four band members. No one likes a sad clown, Ace Frehley! No one. —Ed.

THE BIG EASEL

In MAD #357 (May 1997) you teased AOL for mailing software diskettes to everyone on the planet. Your article apparently shamed them into reforming, because they started mailing software **CDs** to everyone on the planet instead! That gave me an idea: to use all those junk mail CDs to create some MAD artwork. I needed lots of CDs, so I saved junk mail CDs from AOL and other companies for over 10 years! Finally, last month, I had enough CDs. Over the last three weekends, I finished the design, set up a huge dropcloth as my canvas and created a 400-square-foot mosaic out of 1,500 junk mail CDs. I call it AOLfred E. Neuman and I submit it in honor of the 500th issue of MAD. On the bottom left are MAD issues #100, #200, #300 and #400.

Neil Cuadra, Los Angeles, CA

Touchy Neily — Wow! You just blew our mind. You used junk mail from AOL to create a piece of "art" which became junk mail to US! The circle is now complete! We look forward to your rendition of Spy Vs. Spy made entirely of Valpak coupons! —Ed.



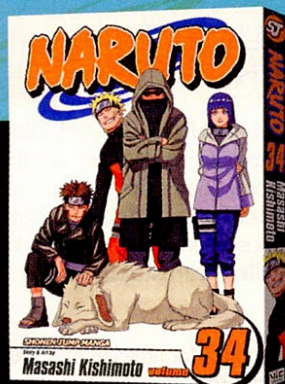
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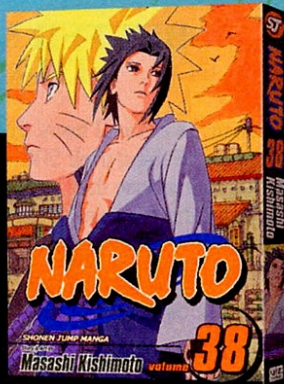
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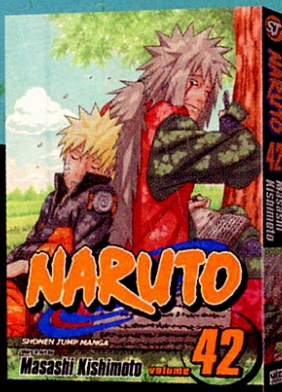
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A MAD Factoid...MAD once offered straight jackets for sale to its readers

MAD FANS OF THE MONTH

So there I was, 10 years old, going through the family trash can when, to my astonishment, I found Ernie Kovacs staring me in the face. I detected a tear in his eye as he realized where he was heading. Yes, by trashing MAD, my dad was doing to me what my grandfather had done to him when he gave away his baseball cards and electric trains. Fortunately, I stopped this travesty and thus began my journey with MAD. Since then, I have traveled the country in an effort to collect all 498 issues of MAD. I have been successful in that endeavor. At the same time, I have had the pleasure of meeting William and Annie Gaines, plus many of the Usual Gang of Idiots. The enclosed photo documents some of my collection.

Joshua Hecht, Hamden, CT



JOSH AND HIS "COLLECTION"

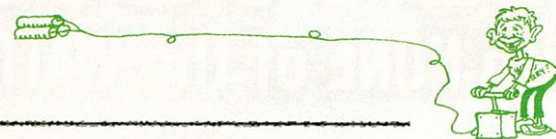
At the end of December, our teachers assigned us to do a history project on someone who somehow changed history. We thought about it seriously and we came to a conclusion — to do our project on the founding father of MAD, William M. Gaines.

Dalton Vaughn and Dylan Day, Smithville, IN



DYLAN AND DALTON WITH THEIR "HISTORY" PROJECT

Thanks to all three of you for your years of fandom — we hope this fulfills your dream and you can now close this unfortunate chapter and get your lives back on track! —Ed.



MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™

I do not go to church very much, usually only on holidays because my family is not very religious. But over February vacation, my grandmother paid me and my family a visit. She thinks that we are religious and we always go to church. So when she comes up, my mom drags me and my older brother there. I think it is really boring so I brought along a few comics from my MAD collection to read. We were halfway through the service when my grandma saw what I was reading. She grabbed it from me and gave me a disgusted look. When we got home, my grandma and my mom got in a big argument over me reading MAD and, of course, my grandma won. My grandma took away all of my MAD magazines and threw them away. So, my wish for the MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™ is to send me a whole bunch of MAD magazines, because my grandma deprived me of mine.

Liam Fox, Peaks Island, ME

Silence of the Liams — That's terrible that your grandmother took away your entire MAD library! Unconscionable! Sadly, we can't send you a bunch of magazines (we're running a business here, fella!), but we CAN offer you some free advice! Perhaps you could use this as an opportunity to start a collection of NEW reading material. You know, something that lets your grandma know just how much you appreciate her recent actions...something like, oh, we don't know...brochures for old age homes. We're betting that if you leave a bunch of those bad boys laying out on the coffee table, she'll get the message and stop giving you grief over doing the Fold-In! Happy reading! —Ed.

BETTER MATRICULATE THAN NEVER

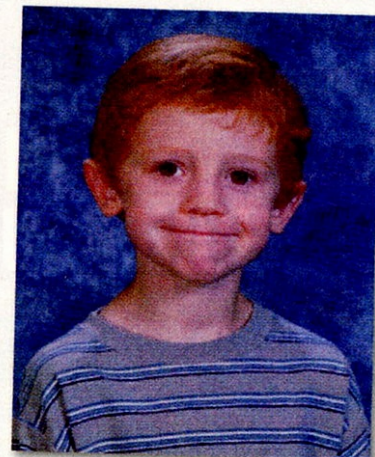
With enormous effort, I have taken notice that the Usual Gang of Idiots will soon be publishing their 500th issue of this magazine. Incidentally, this will be close to the time that I graduate high school! Looks like we are both ready to forget the past and move on to a brighter future. Congratulations on keeping the material fresh for this long. I'm sure we should both be commended for working in an environment filled with stupidity!

Kurt Wiseman, Silver Firs, WA

Ridin' Kurty — Congratulations on graduating, and thanks for noticing our 500th — we're guessing you aced math in high school! And rest assured, as long as you're there, ANY environment you're working in will be filled with stupidity! —Ed.

ALFRED E. NEUMAN LOOK-ALIKE

Brian R. White sent in this photo of Patrick James "P.J." Folaron — who's making a face that seems to say, "I'm only 5, and I already know I'm going to have a rough road ahead of me." So much to process at such a young age...



BEWARE OF THE DARKEST WATERS...

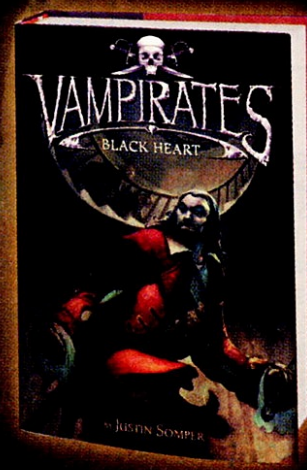
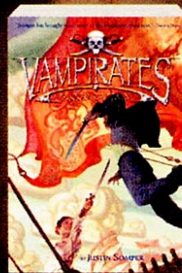
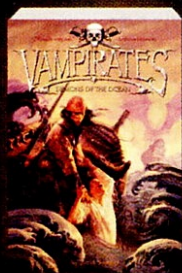
VAMPIRATES

BLACK HEART

By Justin Somper

There's a new ship of vampirates roaming the seas, leaving a trail of fear and devastation in its wake. When a high-profile pirate is slain, the Pirate Federation begins training a ship of dedicated vampire hunters. Will they be able to restore order, or will the vampirates bloody the seas once more?

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TO THE BLOOD-DRENCHED SEAS—BRAVO!"**

—Darren Shan, author of the Cirque Du Freak and Demonata series



ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

Readers of "The Letters Page" know that the artwork of Jim "Letter-nardo DaVinci" Hutchings has appeared in roughly 497 of our last 500 issues. So it's only fitting that he takes the title yet again with this 500-themed entry! We only hope this gives Jim the closure he's so clearly searching for...



MORE MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

The most quoted living author, Professor Noam Chomsky (left) has stated that he received his early political education at his uncle's New York newsstand in the 1930s. Well, I stated that I received mine via MAD magazine in the 1960s.

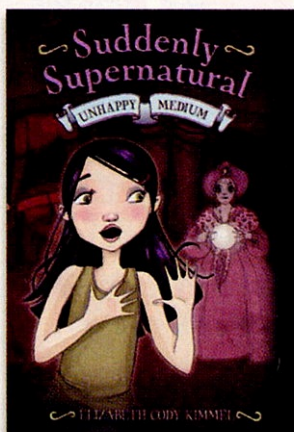
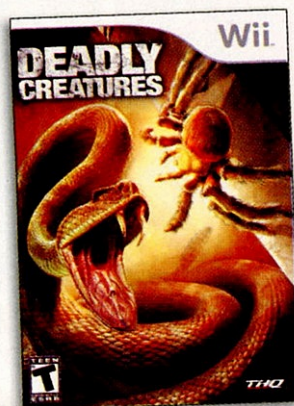
Ken Hildebrandt, Nathalie, VA

Your Moment of Ken — The most quoted living author? Wait a minute, did Jackie Collins and Tom Clancy die on us? We think you need to get your facts right before making outrageous comments like that! —Ed!



READER ALERT

Have we got a trio of treats for those who had their missives printed on this month's Letters Page! We have the video game *Deadly Creatures*, courtesy of our friends at THQ, *Suddenly Supernatural #3: Unhappy Medium*, courtesy of our friends at Hachette Books, and *Shin Chan, Season Two Part 1* on DVD, courtesy of our friends at FUNimation Entertainment. If yours didn't make it, don't kick yourself too hard — everything is on sale now!



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4. You can now shoplift TVs in your uterus.

5. You'll greatly increase the odds of having an organ donor if you have health problems later in life... which, let's face it, you probably will, after having all those babies.

6. You'll have created a ready supply of babysitters on hand to look after your next round of children.

7. No more upsetting nightmares about being chased or falling off buildings, since you won't be getting any sleep at all.

8. There's now far less effort in lighting the menorah on holidays (Jewish octuplets only).



Writer: Jeff Kruse
Artist: Liz Lomax

BITTERMAN

A MAD Factoid...Alan Moore has stated that "Superduperman" in MAD #4 was the inspiration for his graphic novel, Watchmen



Writer-Artist: Garth Gerhart

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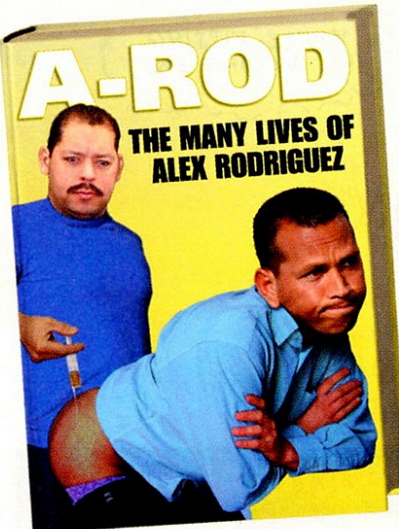
ABRAHAM LEAKIN'
 Writer-Artist: Duck Edwing

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 • PENCILS STUCK IN YOUR CHEST?
 • ESCAPED MENTAL PATIENT CHEWING THE FLESH OFF YOUR LEG?
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Writer-Artist: Tom Cheney

OTHER REVELATIONS IN THE UPCOMING BOOK, A-ROD: THE MANY LIVES OF ALEX RODRIGUEZ



Writer: Jeff Kruse
 Artist: Scott Bricher

- He claims he can't remember whether he was injected with nandrolone decanoate or nandrolone phenpropionate, and just expects everyone to believe that.
- Rodriguez was the guy who sold Michael Phelps that marijuana.
- Spent much of January of this year waiting to see if Gov. Paterson would appoint him to Hillary Clinton's vacant Senate seat.
- It's a myth that he is jealous of Derek Jeter: it's nothing more than simple hatred and resentment.
- He blames the Yankees' recent post-season collapses on third base coaches who didn't flash him the "hit a home run" signal enough.
- Rodriguez only had an affair with Madonna in order to learn secrets of the Kaballah.
- If called in front of Congress to answer for his steroid use, he will take the opportunity to lobby for the banning of the infield fly rule.

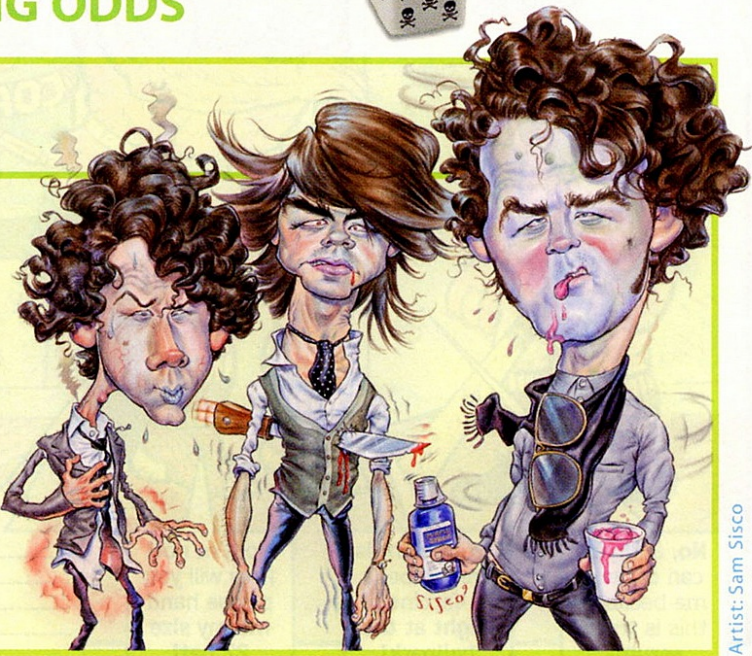


CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS



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- Testicular explosions resulting from honoring virginity pledge of their promise rings8:1
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- Fatal overdose of syrup while collaborating on a single with Lil Wayne1,000,000: 1

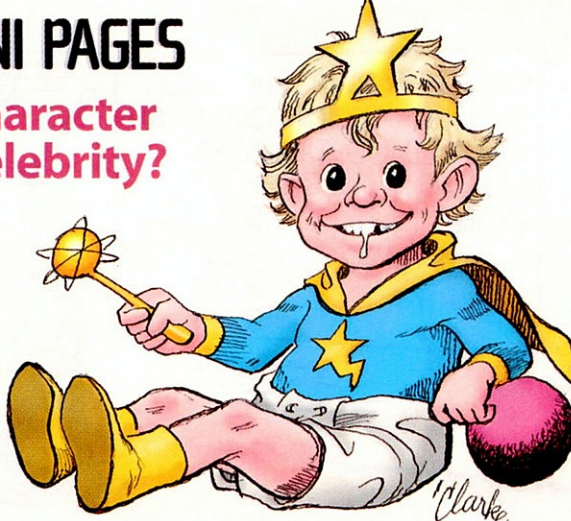


Artist: Sam Sisco

THE FUNDALINI PAGES

Comic Book Character or Child of a Celebrity?

1. Blue Angel
2. Green Hornet
3. Jermajesty
4. Moon Unit
5. Moxie CrimeFighter
6. Batroc the Leaper
7. Black Canary
8. Pilot Inspektor
9. Storm
10. Rocket
11. Captain Boomerang
12. She-Hulk
13. Sage Moonblood
14. Living Lightning
15. Harley Quinn



Writer: Michael Grinspan Artist: Bob Clarke

The following are the children of celebrities: Blue Angel (daughter of U2's The Edge), Jermajesty (son of Jermajesty Jackson), Moon Unit (daughter of Frank Zappa), Moxie CrimeFighter (daughter of magician, Penn Jillette), Pilot Inspektor (son of actor, Jason Lee), Rocket (son of director, Robert Rodriguez), Sage Moonblood (son of Sylvester Stallone), BONUS! Harley Quinn is both a comic book character AND the name of Kevin Smith's daughter! Yikes!

DROP-DEAD PORGES

A MAD FACTOID...Stephen Sondheim wrote a song for the live musical The MAD Show



Writer-Artist: Paul Peter Porges

SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS

Are you taking steroids?



No, and you can believe me because this is truth serum!

No, tonight is Free Rubella Vaccine Night at the ballpark!

No, I'm not! Now will you please hand me my size 22 hat!

Artist: Al Jaffee

FAST 5

WAYS THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE WILL AFFECT EVERYDAY LIFE

- 1 For many TV game show contestants, "Buying a vowel" will now be out of reach.



- 2 To save milk money, mothers will breast-feed "a little longer" than usual.



- 3 Kids will beg their grandparents to tell their dumb old stories about the Great Depression — for survival tips!



- 4 People who own pre-paid burial sites won't wait till they're dead to use them



- 5 Adventure park thrill rides will begin having harrowingly realistic names ripped from today's headlines.



Writer: Stan Sinberg Artist: Bob Staake

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ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER

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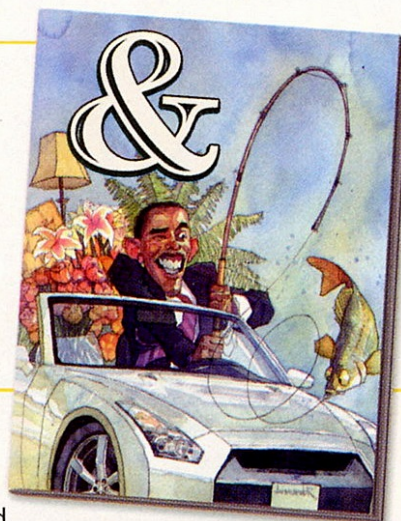
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Artist: Leonardo Rodriguez

Writer: Scott Maiko

MELVIN & JENKINS'

GUIDE TO SEXUAL HEALTH



Jenkins knows communicable diseases don't just pick and choose the "dirty" people, which is why it's his responsibility to get a complete checkup below the waist.



Melvin sets off a DeCon bug bomb in his pants before a big date.

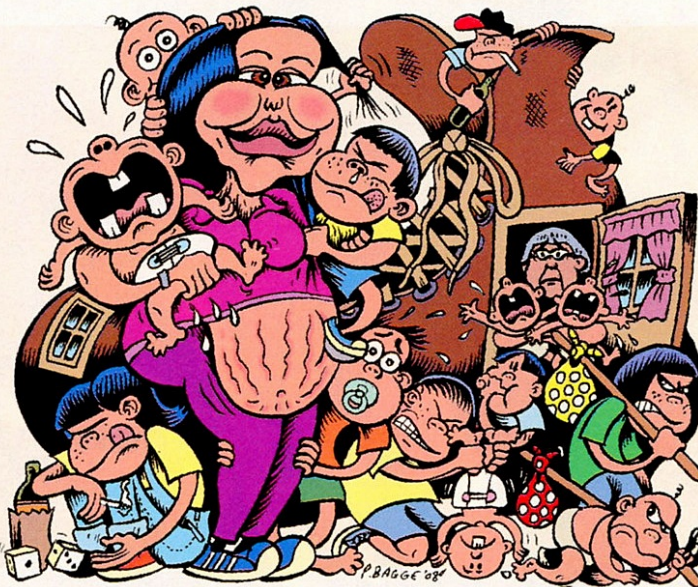
Writer: Desmond Devlin Artist: Kevin Pope

A modern nursery rhyme...

There was a young woman, now subject of lore
Gave birth to six children, but still wanted more,
With no mate or income it wasn't a breeze
But her dream was to have kids and lips like Jolie's.

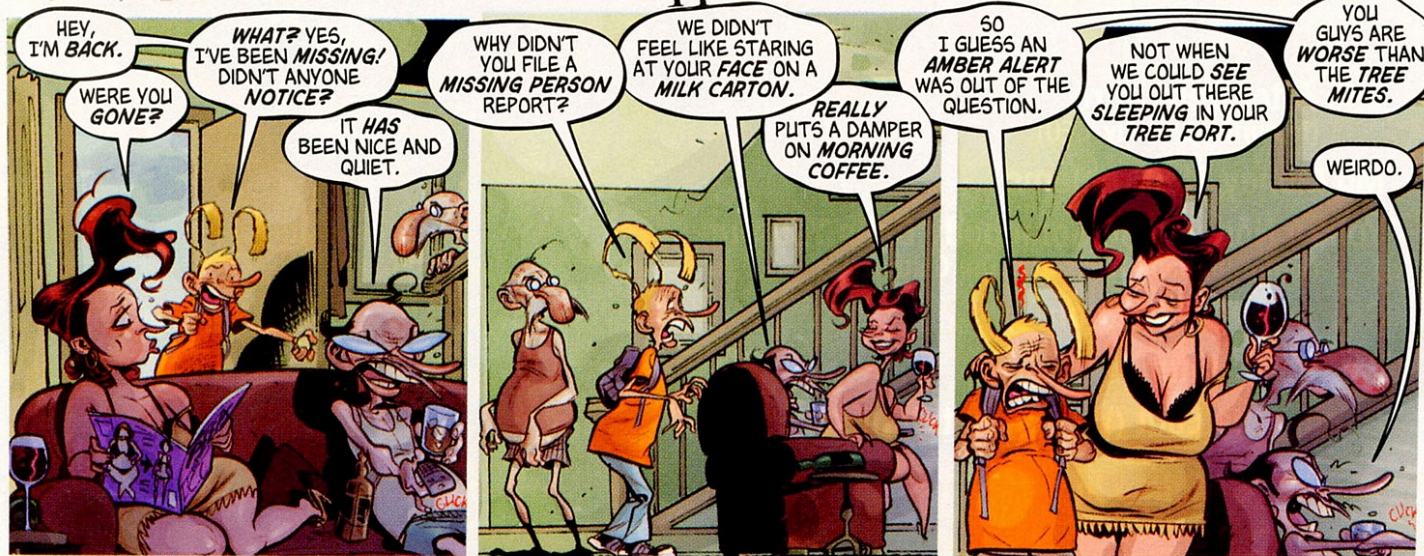
So off to the clinic, where she spread her legs
Then some quack implanted the fertilized eggs,
She gave birth to eight babies and then a web page
Where she looked for donations but only found rage.

So now the young woman's whole life is a mess
In debt to her eyeballs and hounded by press,
While it's clear that she's crazy, her brain a bit fried
The whole country is praying she gets her tubes tied!



Artist: Peter Bagge

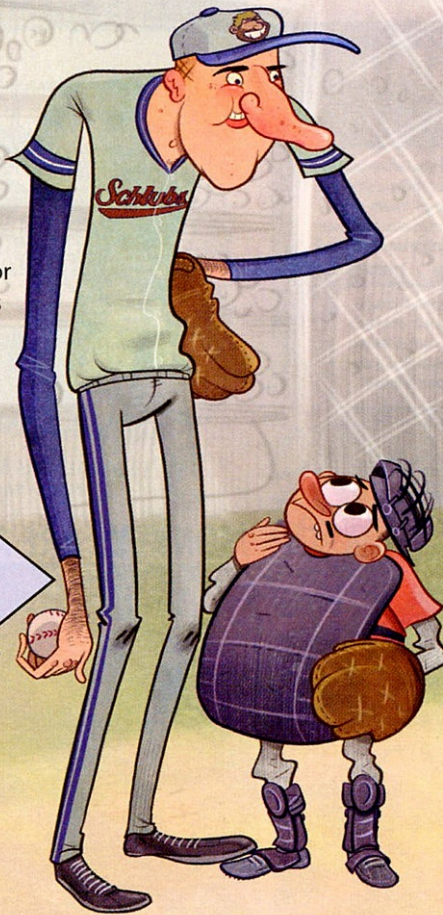
MONROE and... The Brief Disappearance



Writer: Anthony Barbieri Artist: Tom Fowler
Colors: Carl Peterson Letters: Rob Leigh

100% TRUE BASEBALL FACTOIDS!

- Did you know that a batter can make two outs with one swing? It's called a "double play," and it happened in the 2004 playoffs!
- Q:** Who holds the all-time record for fewest inside-the-park grand slams in one inning?
A: Lots of guys, with zero.
- Roger Clemens was actually born William Roger Clemens, so he lied about his first name in addition to steroids.
- There is no maximum height limit for the so-called *shortstop*.
- Several women who got discounts on "Ladies Day" at Nationals Park were not ladies in the truest sense of the word.
- Q:** Who is the only World Series MVP whose name, spelled backwards, is "thgink"?
A: Ray Knight, 1986 Mets.



Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: José Garibaldi

SUPERSTITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ALASKA

The ancient Inuits believed that if you made a wish upon an asteroid hurtling to Earth, the wish would have come true had the asteroid not wiped out all life in the vicinity.



SYRIA

It is bad luck for a person to wear a yarmulke while singing the Israeli national anthem in a Damascus mosque.



CARIBBEAN ISLES

Natives here usually remove their underwear before having sex, believing that if they do, they'll be blessed with a child!



CENTRAL AFRICA

When someone accidentally spills salt at a meal, they must eat the salt and toss the rest of the meal over their shoulders. This might explain all the famine.



MONGOLIA

The number 18,573 is considered an evil and unlucky number. Most office buildings here, in fact, do not have an 18,573rd floor!



Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Paul Coker

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Opossum

The opossum, also known as a **mudskipper**, is a species of two-legged, burrowing **reptile**, the only **amphibious** creature that lives entirely on land. When frightened, the opossum plays **dead**, which is where the phrase "**hung like a horse**" originated. With no **females** of the species, male opossum mate with each other and give birth simultaneously, laying exceptionally thin, spotted **eggs** which are prized by poachers and considered sacred by **Mormons**. Opossum eggs were a valuable source of **protein** for early American settlers and are used today as an ingredient in **Honey Smacks** and **Entenmann's Pineapple Cake**.



WIKIPEDIA



Writer: Jacob Lambert

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR LOCAL PBS STATION DURING PLEDGE WEEK



Writer: Barry Liebmann Artist: Ward Sutton

VEY TO GO



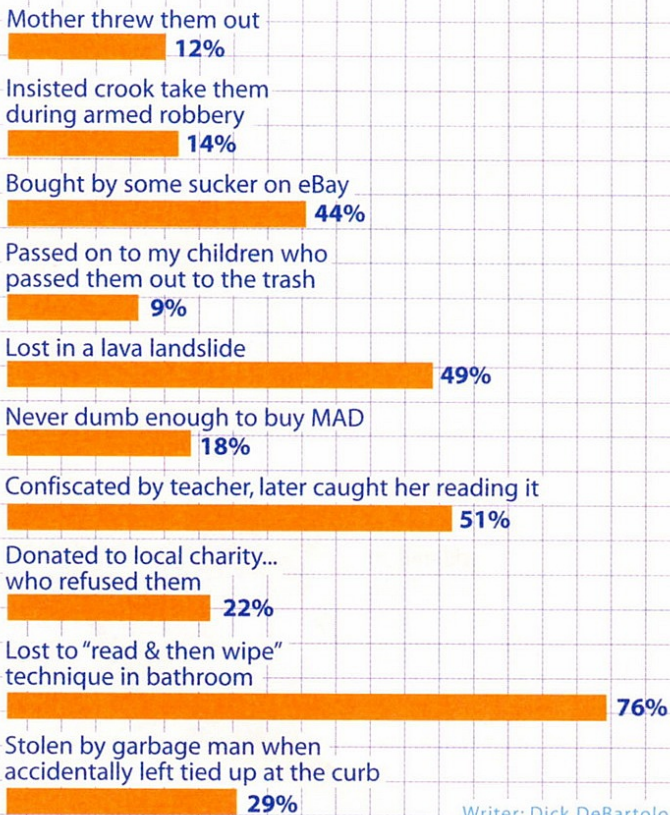
"I MARRIED HIM BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE WAS A GOOD PLUMBER NOW I FIND OUT HE CAN'T SWIM EITHER."

MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY



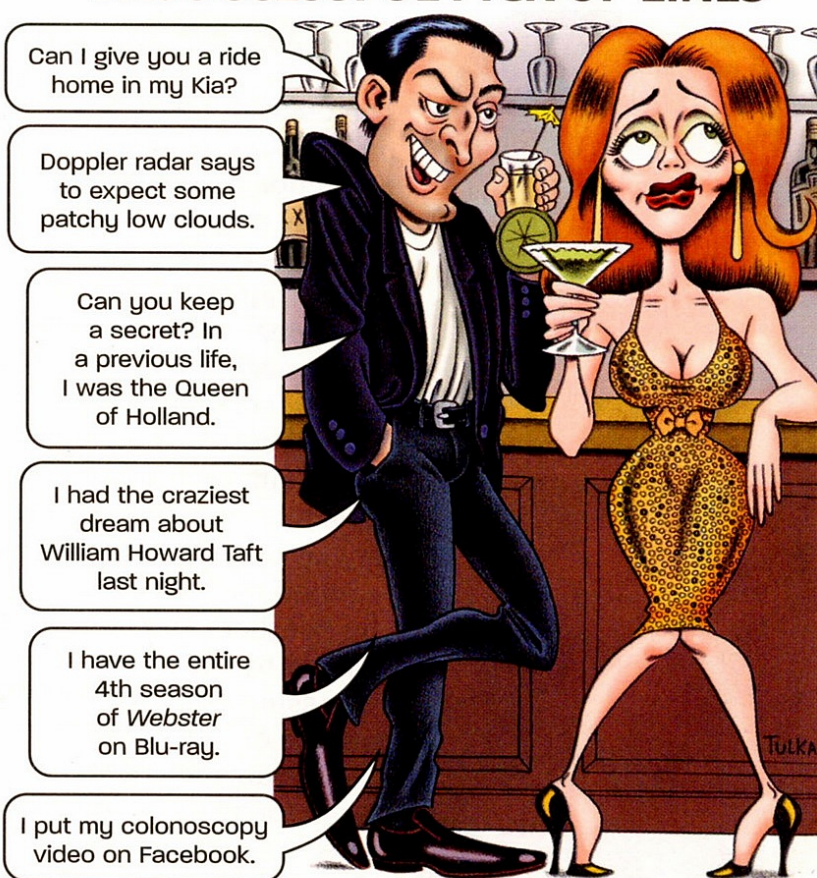
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MAD COLLECTION?

A Fundalini Unscientific Poll



Writer: Dick DeBartolo

TIME-TESTED UNSUCCESSFUL PICK UP LINES



Writer: Arnie Kogen Artist: Rick Tulka

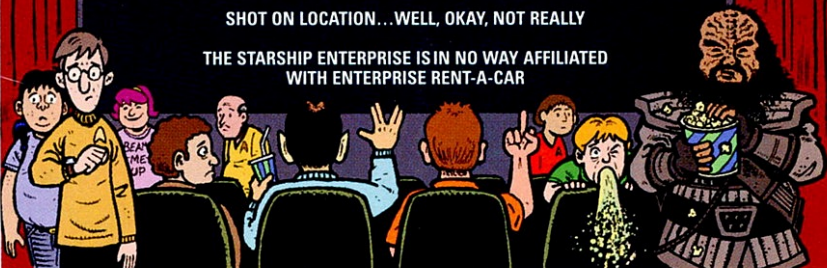
STAR TREK CLOSING CREDITS YOU PROBABLY MISSED...

HOPELESSLY LOST WOOKIEEBenjamin Harlow
GAY VULCAN IN BAR #3Martin Kerr
KLINGON FOREHEAD INDENTATION CONSULTANTDr. Lucius Denton

LOOK FOR THE UNINSPIRED, COOKIE-CUTTER VIDEOGAME
ON Wii AND PLAYSTATION THIS SUMMER

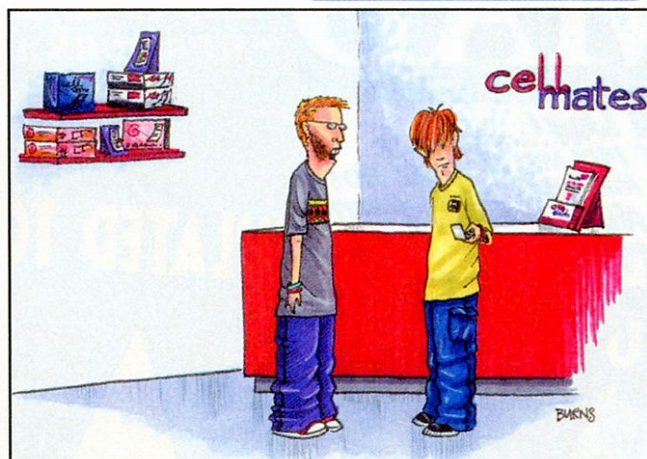
SHOT ON LOCATION...WELL, OKAY, NOT REALLY

THE STARSHIP ENTERPRISE IS IN NO WAY AFFILIATED
WITH ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR



Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Evan Dorkin

TERESA'S PIECES



"Believe me, do *not* get the one with the steam-iron option –
no matter *how* many free minutes they give you!"

Writer-Artist: Teresa Burns Parkhurst

Reasons Why the National Diarrhea Awareness Campaign Failed



Nobody would wear the stupid watery-brown colored ribbon.

Celebrity spokes-victims never able to complete a single two
minute talk show segment promoting the cause without bolting.

Way too many unfortunate misunderstandings surrounded the
concept of 5K "Runs" for a cure.

Benefit rock concerts never made a dime due to the massive
porta-potty costs.

It was basically poo-pooed in its early stages by the powerful
Irritable Bowel Syndrome lobby.

Writer-Artist: John Caldwell

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"MURMURS AND MUMBLINGS"

JOHN LAW! ...COPPERS
WON'T PUT ME IN JAIL! NO!
NOT ME! NO! NEIN! NIGHT!
NO! NEVER! NOT!

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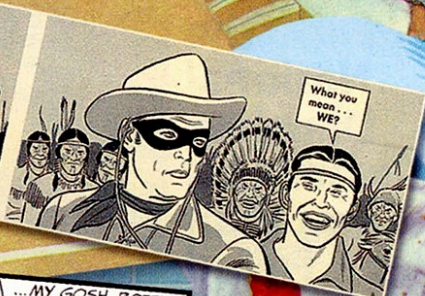
THAT THING!
THAT SLITHERING
BLOB COMING
TOWARD US!

WHAT
IS IT?

IT'S
MELVIN!

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Indians! Indians all around
us! Well, Tonto, ol' kinsman,
it looks like we're finished!



COME ON, BIDDY!
SOMETIMES I GET
THE FEELING THAT
STARCHIE AND
BOTTLENECK ARE
DEFINITELY NOT
AMERICA'S
TYPICAL TEEN-
AGERS!



...I DON'T
GET IT,
STARCHIE!
HOW COME
YOU CARRY
SUCH A
BIG TORCH
FOR
SALONICA
AND NOT FOR
BIDDY?



...MY GOSH, BOTTLE-
NECK! ...CAN'T YOU
SEE HOW UTTERLY...
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT SALONICA
IS FROM BIDDY!
LOOK AT THE
DRAWING IN THE
FACES... THE LIPS...
BOTH SO
DIFFERENT!

Pesky Import

We are the Reds... With a punch in the face...
Which we're aiming today... At the whole human race...
At the whole-! Ever-! Trusting-! Human-! Race!



I've heard a lot
about you, too,
Miss Baker!

WRITERS AND ARTISTS: SERGIO ARAGONES DAVE BERG BOB CLARKE JACK DAVIS MORT DRUCKER
DON MARTIN NICK MEGLIN NORMAN MINGO JOE ORLANDO ANTONIO PROHIAS DON REILLY



When *The Apprentice* turned into *Celebrity Apprentice*, they only forgot one itty-bitty thing. Celebrities! Last season's washed-up wannabes and barely-weres packed all the star wattage of a sputtering bug zapper. Mr. Donald Trump is a man accustomed to the best in life. Therefore, any celebrity project bearing the Trump name should reflect the unforgettable, shared moments of human culture. The Roman Empire! The Renaissance! Shaving Vince McMahon's head on pay-per-view! So don't ask how it's happened, just root for the history-making superstars as they fight to become...

THE DEAD

I'm Donald Trump, welcoming you to the **Trump Boardroom** of the Trump Organization, atop magnificent Trump Tower! This is my oily son, Donald Trump Jr., and my waxy daughter, Ivanka Trump! Trump Trump Trump, Trumpy Trump Trumptrump! Let the fruit of my groinal Trumpatozoa fill you in with the details!

Don't let my slack, inert face fool you! On the inside, I'm a seething cauldron of emotion! And last season's cast of mediocrities made me sick! That's why we spared no expense to pervert genetic science in a deeply obscene way! Presenting the members of **Team Zombie**!

Bow to Cleopatra! As **Queen of Egypt**, I held unimaginable power! And my millions of subjects treated my every utterance as the received wisdom of a living god. Think Oprah, but without the Book Club!

They called me the Babe! The Bambino! The Sultan of Swat! I'm fat enough for three nicknames! I led my teams to ten World Series! I only wish they had steroids back then. I could have won twenty championships! Including the Kentucky Derby! And not as a jockey, either!



How right you are, Jesus! Each of us must face personal damnation or salvation at that moment of supreme judgment! And that'll all be handled by Dad, in the **Dead Celebrity Apprentice boardroom**! Introduce yourselves, **Team Sarcophagus**!

I may be a hunka hunka rotting flesh, but I'm 1,000% confident that I'll win this competition! Of course, I ALSO thought I'd live to be 45 on a daily diet of pig's feet, peanut butter and prescription drugs!

To be on **Dead Celebrity Apprentice**, or to be on **Celebrity Rehab**, that is the question! Because between thou and me, I hath got a pretty strong addiction to mead! As a keen observ'r of the human condition, I will have much to speak upon my experiences here. And you can check it all out on <http://www.bardofavon.blogspot.com/>!

CELEBRITY APPRENTICE

To restore Germany's glory, I plunged her into a ruinous war! As a shrumpy, black-haired nebbish, I promoted the ideal of the blonde Aryan superman! Now, as a virulent racist and anti-semitic, I've decided to chill out with a media job in the racially pure world of show business! Hmmm...maybe it just ain't my millennium!

Why, it's me, Groucho Marx! The pleasure is mine, being on a series with The Donald! I think I'd rather be with The Mickey and The Goofy! What a show! You mean I got up from a dead sleep for THIS, when I could be home, decomposing my memoirs? I'd call my agent to complain, but he died in 1929!

I am Emperor Nero! I was a hated leader with daddy issues who seized power under mysterious circumstances, bankrupted my country, and dawdled while one of our major cities was destroyed! Nevertheless, 55% of Roman citizens said I'm the tyrant they'd rather have a beer with!

I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned!



As your 37th President, my many enemies called me the most paranoid, ruthless, sneaky and contemptible man ever to hold the office! For this backstabbing show, I'm slightly underqualified!

Dooby dooby doo! Old Blue Eyes is back, this time from the grave! The name "Frank Sinatra" guarantees results! In my career, I was responsible for 203 hits! Or 208 hits, if you believe the FBI files!

Representing the gallant patriots of the American Revolution, I am Betsy Ross! Almost nothing is known about my life. I'm pretty much famous for sewing a flag, and that's it! Hey, it's more of a résumé than Omarosa's!

I'm pro wrestling legend Andre the Giant, and I'm a major "get" for any reality TV series! At 500 pounds, I could be on *The Biggest Loser*! I could reunite with Hulk Hogan on *Hogan Knows Best*! And with so many choreographed matches, I'm a natural for *Dancing with the Stars*! Heck, I could even be on *Survivor* — as the island!

This is a **cutthroat**, anything-goes competition that only one of you will survive! But first, Jesus Christ will give us one of His famous pep talks!

What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul? It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven! You cannot serve both God and Money! Love others as well as you love yourself!

I'm just not following You, J-Dawg! Does not compute! No wonder You only had one best-selling book, while I've had a dozen! Your holy message of honesty, love, peace and forgiveness won't last ten minutes in today's TV programming! I hate to do it, but Jesus...**YOU'RE FIRED!**

Father, forgive him, for he knows not what he does!



Before we begin, I know there are some of you who've never even heard of New York City! Raise your hands. I'm seeing Shakespeare, Nero, Cleopatra...and **BABE RUTH?** Didn't you play for the Yankees?

I don't know, possibly! **Burp!** I was pretty wasted!



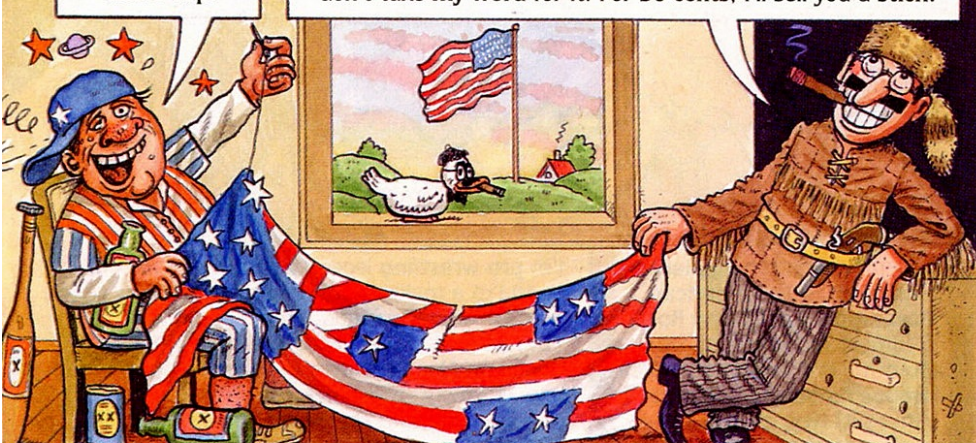
I thought long and hard about what would be a good task to kick the proceedings off. I wanted it to be totally fair to both sides! The first challenge will be a flag-sewing competition!

Awwwwww, BOOOO-yeah! In your FACE, Hitler!



I sure do remember Flag Day back in 1927! I belted three home runs, two taxi drivers, and a cop!

Big boy, I can almost see you now, slugging those home runs in Yankee Stadium. But I can't see Yankee Stadium! An old joke, I admit. But I haven't gotten a dime from NBC in fifty years, and they get what they pay for! If you've got a dime, that joke can be yours. Pay me a quarter, and I'll never tell it again! Now that's a deal you can't beat with a stick! But don't take my word for it. For 50 cents, I'll sell you a stick!



This hackneyed design is yesterday's news! Team Zombie's composition has much more appeal! Betsy, **YOU'RE FIRED!**





A MAD FACTOID...Robert Downey Jr.'s father directed MAD's only movie, Up the Academy

You know what, I'm still feeling cranky! Babe Ruth, YOU'RE FIRED!

Fired? Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle! What did I do?

Nothing, really. But something about you keeps reminding me of Rosie O'Donnell!

New challenge! I'm giving each of you a Jamba Juice franchise! Whichever team can sell the most liquid product in one day will be the winner! And talk about delicious? Mm-MMM! It's Jamba-riffic!

Wow. What blatant product placement! And I thought the World Wrestling Federation was phony and shameless!

You better believe it! For a lucrative sponsorship deal, I'd have you all kiss Mr. Jamba's pimply ass in Macy's window! Hmm...suddenly, I smell spinoff!

DAS IST VERBOTEN!

ANIMAL CRACKERS

Shakespeare, you're a writer! We need an ad slogan. Something snappy, like "Nixon's the one" or "Zoom zoom zoom"!

I hath got it! "When your inner appetite need be slak'd / And e'en water shall moist your lip in vain / Be ably placated by our boutique / As ho-sannas echo within yon bowels."

Shakey, your thee's and thou's don't grab me! Your idea of a modern audience is anybody who goes to the bathroom indoors! Get with the program!

I'm taking charge of this session. Let's take it from the top! When the day is hot, but your liver's shot, drink Jamba Juice. At a swank resort, why not take a snort of Jamba Juice? Grab a verse, Fabian!

The juice we're ah-squeezin' is oh so pleasin', It makes me uh-wanna shake! I drink a mango smoothie, and film a lousy movie. But the juice takes longer to make!

Hold it. Tricky Dick here erased the tape!

Sorry. It's an old habit!

What is this yummy flavor? Wheatgrass? Carrot passion? Green whey?

Bacon grease, ma'am! Try another one. It's just 38,000 calories per serving!

Nothing's working! We need customers! O, mighty Horus, ruler of the sky, I anoint your statue with scented oils! Gaze upon your servant, and imbue our juice hut venture with a brisk lunchtime turnover!

I knew Horus when he was just a baby! He was a good egg! In fact, he almost became a rare amulet, but that's another story! One of Ptolemy's, most likely. Whenever I heard a good story about Horus, I'd say a little bird Ptolemy! Thick as Thebes, we were. Every summer, we used to sail up the Nile and over to Italy! That's where we met Isis! And on a hot day, there's nothing like Italian Isis!

LIGHT ANANAS PASSION TREATS

WHOLE SOME HEALTH

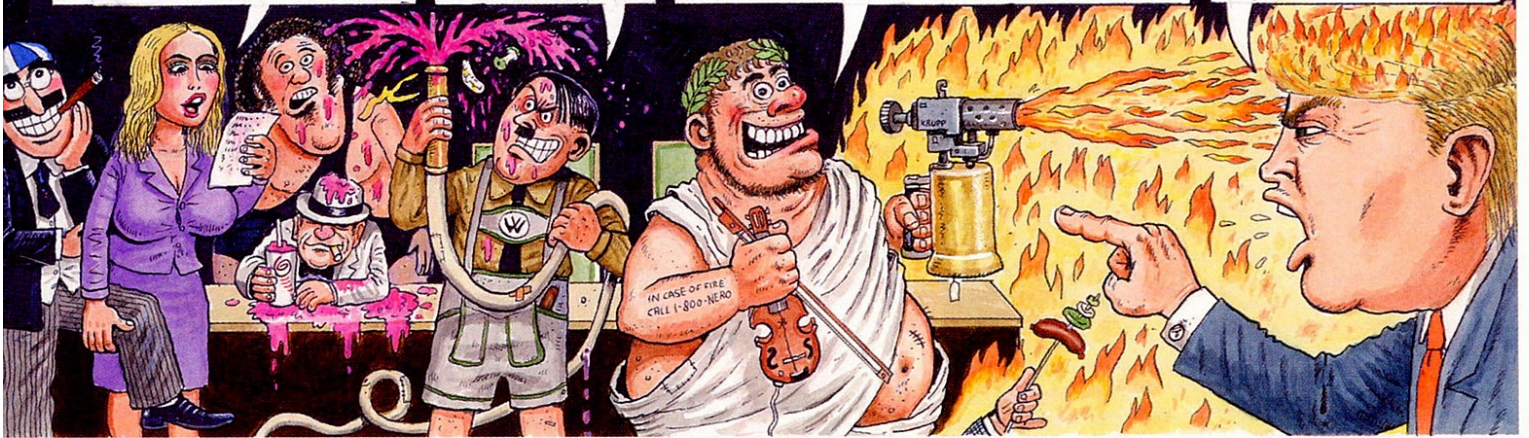
OUT TO LUNCH

These totals are shocking! Team Sarcophagus did very well, selling 182 gallons! But Team Zombie unloaded 750,000 gallons of Jamba Juice! How is that even possible?

German efficiency! I secretly connected our juice supply to the New York Fire Department's hoses!

And I pvt the flaming torch to several local strvctvres — Trvmp Towers, Trvmp Plaza, the Trvmpapolitan Mvsevm of Art, Trvmp Grain Silo, Trvmp Lanes Bowling Emporivm and the Trvmp Interspecies Brothel! Then I fiddled while they bvrned, and ovr team's jvice flowed!

Nero, you toga-wearing twit! There's no profit margin in smoke inhalation! I'm angry about YOUR FIRES! Therefore, YOU'RE FIRED!



A MAD Factoid...MAD has had two animated TV specials, neither of which has ever aired

It's also come to my attention that a certain crooked contestant has diverted some of the Jamba Juice into his own secret "slushie fund"! Let me make one thing perfectly clear: Nixon, YOU'RE FIRED!

Aw, #\$\$%! Not again!

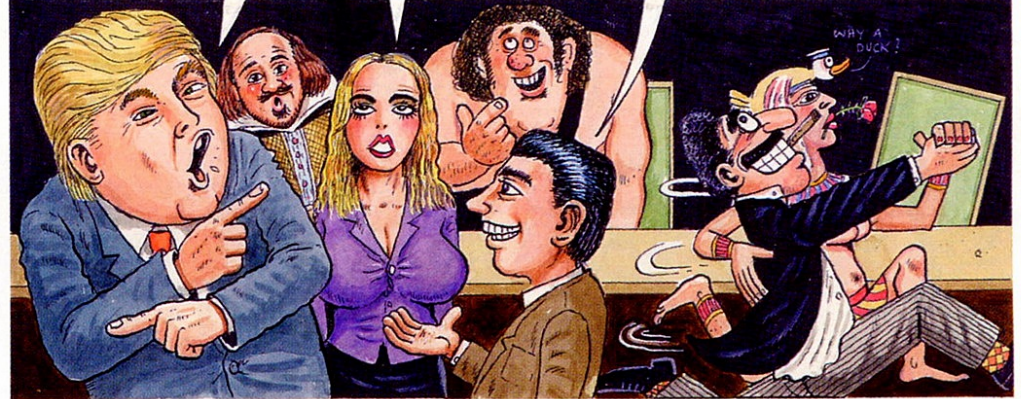


I've decided to shake the game down to its very foundations! I'm taking ALL the members of Team Zombie, and I'm switching them for all the members of the other team! And vice versa!

Way to go, Dad!

That's the kind of meaningless dramatic twist that reinvigorates an otherwise stale and tiresome formula!

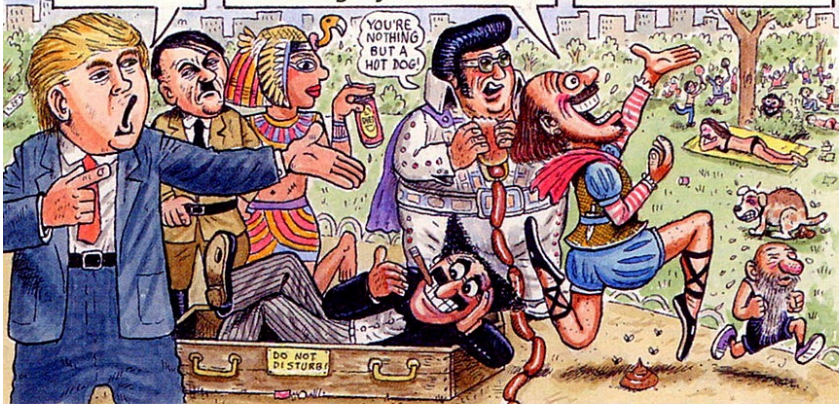
And we're not just saying that to suck up to you because we know that somewhere out there, there's a hot, unknown 14-year-old with a Slovakian accent that you will some day end up marrying and will try to talk you into cutting us out of your will!



Dead celebrities, your next task is to create a new promotion for Central Park!

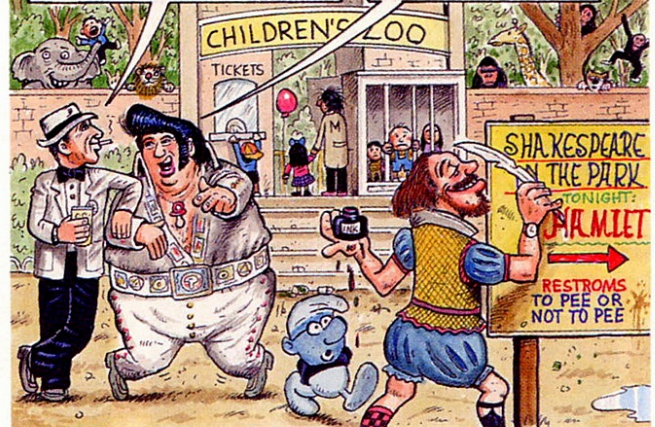
Ah, look at all this open space! "When I have seen the emerald sprawl unfurl / T'would ebb and bloom yet ne'er cause breach / Any man may think himself an earl / As Nature claims its glory and its reach."

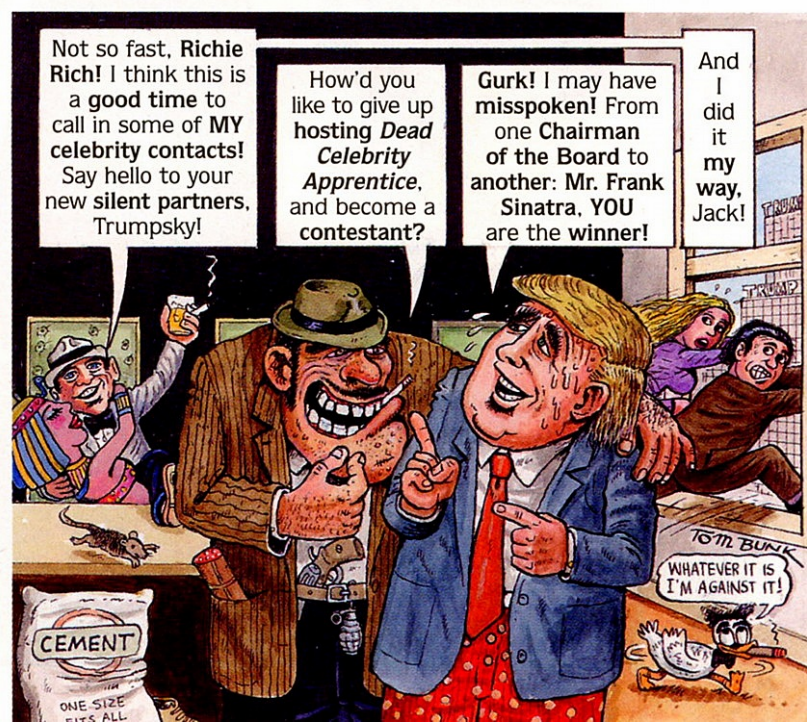
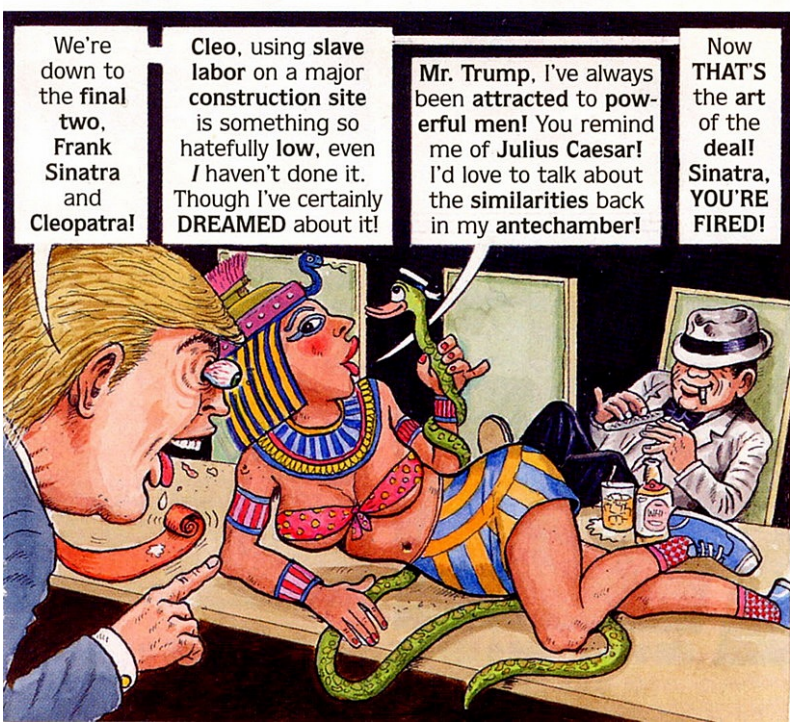
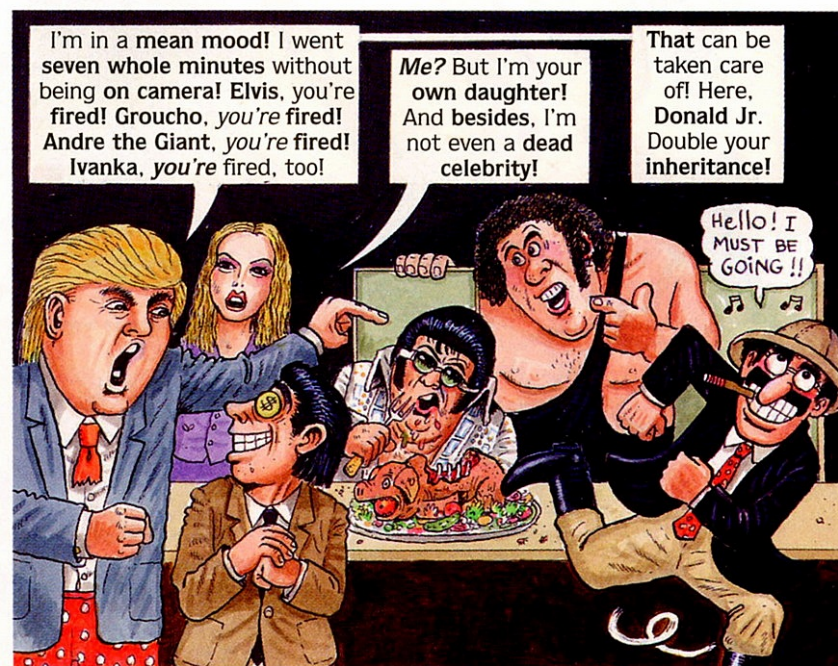
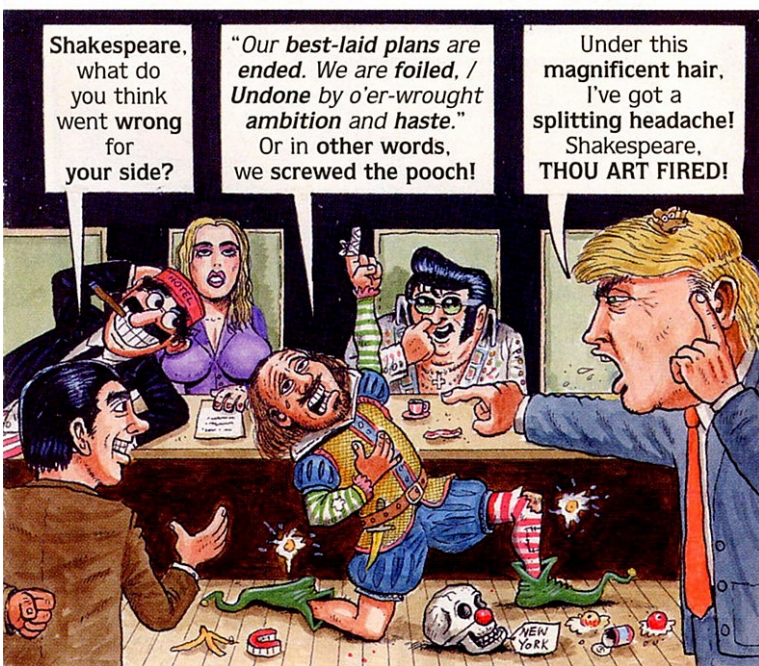
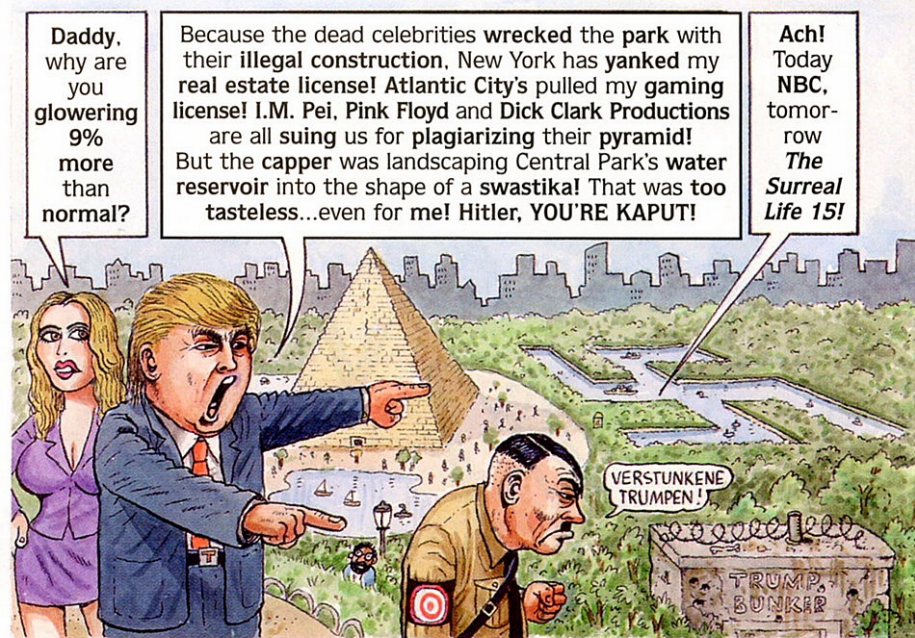
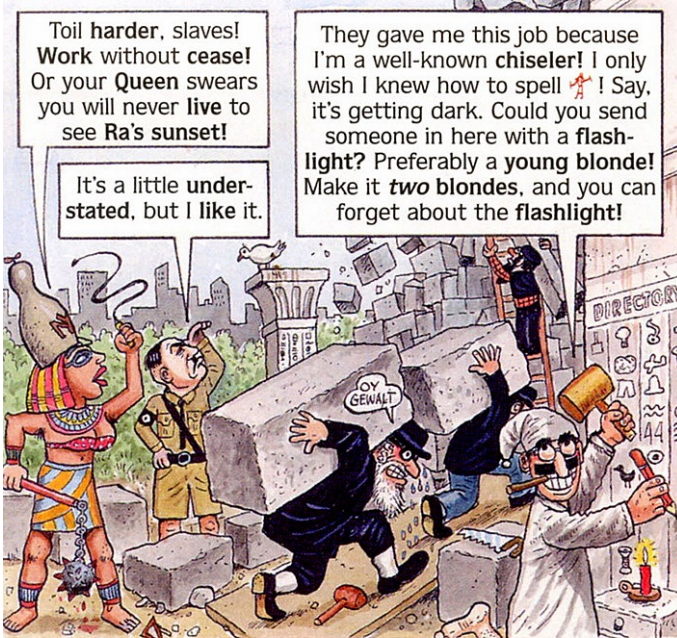
Sickening, isn't it? If the City Council had half a brain between them, they'd let me bulldoze the whole meadow area, and put up a modest, unobtrusive 68-story skyscraper!



The Central Park Children's Zoo is for kids! Kids don't pay for rent, or gasoline, or groceries. Kids equal disposable cash! I propose we transform the zoo into Manhattan's first casino!

If we're going to build a casino, let's make the floors nice and soft! It was always tough on my back, passing out on stage!







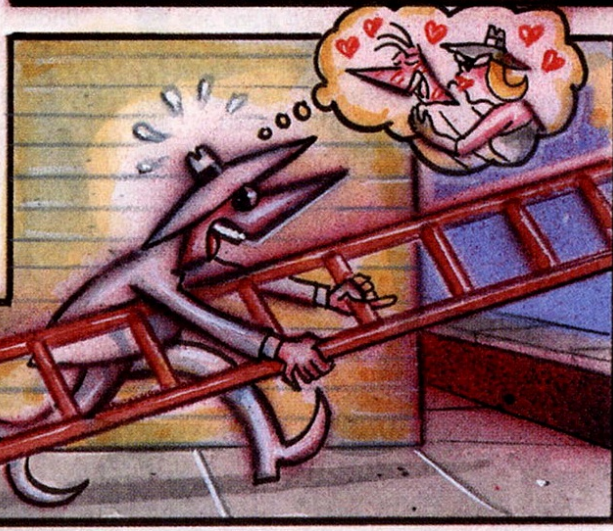
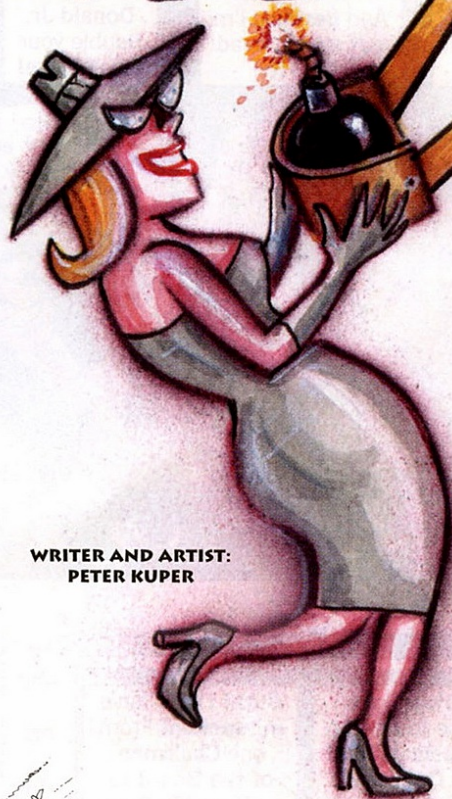
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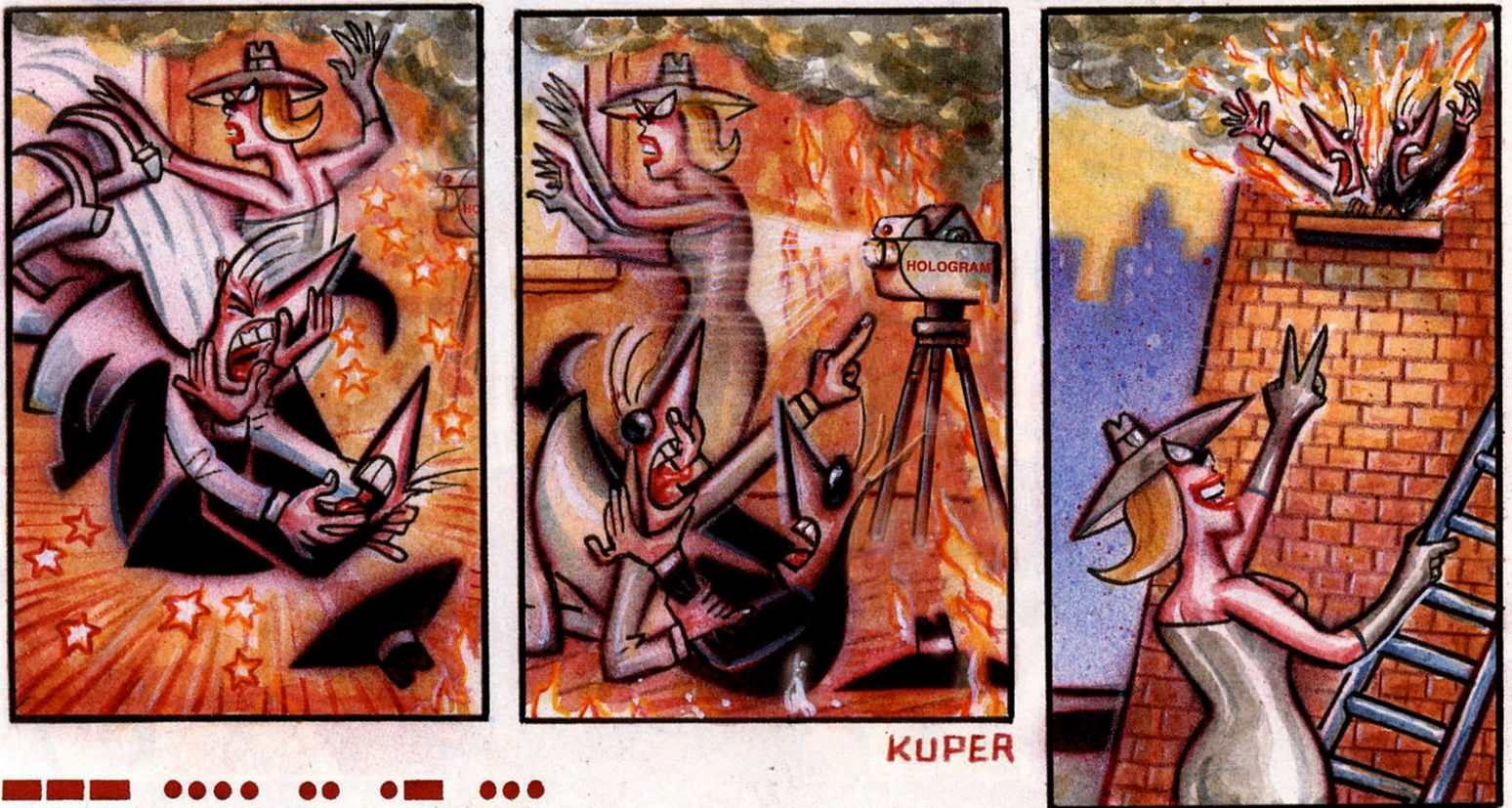
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PETER KUPER





KUPER

"DAYS OF TRIUMPH, NIGHTS OF TURPITUDE"

"DAYS OF TRIUMPH, NIGHTS OF TURPITUDE"



WRITERS AND ARTISTS: SERGIO ARAGONES NEAL BARBERA GILBERT BARNHILL
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MAD SALUTES THE BIG CON
...Also In This Issue We Zing "THE STING"

THE CHOKE'S ON US!

Y'know what I just figured out? All these years that you've been telling me you were in Scouting for the sake of "Boyhood" you were handing me a big fat lie! You've really been in it for only one reason ... to inflate your ego!

You've been doing it for prestige, status and awards! All this talk about doing it for "Boyhood" is baloney!

I am SO doing it for "Boyhood"!

And I'm the "Boy"!

Great Moments In Politics

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MYRON STANLEY FOOTSELMAN
DANCED THE BOOGALOO FOR 57 HOURS WITHOUT STOPPING ... WHILE WEARING ICE SKATES!

Explooding a MYTH

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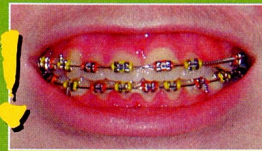
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[About Me]

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[Grade]Nein! (Gott im Himmel!)]

[Favorite language:]War movie German]

[8 April|04:11pm]

[mood] bored]

I like that the controller for the Wii is called a **Wii mote**, because whenever anyone says it, it sounds like they have a speech impediment.



[10 April|03:38pm]

[mood] nostalgic]

In third grade, I remember we had a **classroom mouse**. And we all took a vote on what to name it — "Mr. Sniffles" won — and we'd take turns feeding it and we'd fight over who could take it home on the weekends. It was nice.

I hadn't thought about Mr. Sniffles in ages, but today in biology class, we had to dissect mice. I guess sometime in the last six years, I passed the point where school was about learning that animals are cute, and reached the point where school is about taking animals apart to see what makes them go.

[11 April|05:44pm]

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If they ever make a sequel to **300**, I can't decide which would be worse: Calling it "301", or calling it "300 II".

[11 April|05:59pm]

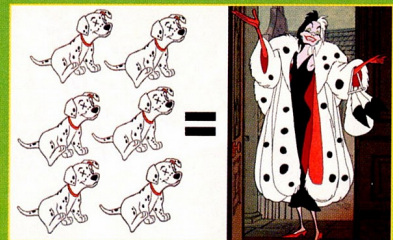
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OK, here's another thing I don't understand about movies and numbers. In "**Ocean's 11**", the heist was pulled off by **George Clooney** and 10 other guys. So, okay, fine. That's 11. But in "**Ocean's 12**", there were the same 11 guys, although I guess maybe recruiting **Julia Roberts's** character to help out brought the number up to 12. And then they made "**Ocean's 13**", and Julia Roberts's character isn't there, which should bump the number back down to "Ocean's 11". Unless maybe getting some help from **Andy Garcia's** character gets the number up to 12, in which case, it should be "Ocean's 12, But Not the Same 12 As In the Last Movie".

[11 April|06:20pm]

[mood] thoughtfulest]

OK, one more thing. In "**101 Dalmatians**", why would it possibly take 101 dalmatians to make a single coat? It seems to me like even a big coat would take, like, six dalmatians — seven, tops.



[12 April|10:10pm]

[mood] sleepy]

My little sister Sophie won her 3rd grade classroom **spelling bee** last week, so now she's going to compete in the school-wide spelling bee. She's really nervous about it, so she's been having me and my dad quiz her on all the words. Last night, after she spelled "**abecedarius**", I asked her if she even knew what it was. She said no. I asked her, "What good is it to learn a bunch of words if you don't know what they mean?" She said the good it does is that it'll help her beat Amber Malkin, who's the 4th grade champion, who once teased my sister by calling her "Soapy" when she was in the first grade.

My sister can hold a grudge.

[13 April|04:36pm]

I'm willing to accept that **Lakes Huron, Michigan, Erie and Superior** are Great Lakes. But **Lake Ontario** seems to just be riding on the other four's coat-tails. It's just lucky it's near the other four, 'cause if it were in, like, **Nebraska or Missouri**, it'd just be a regular lake. It's the **Stephen Baldwin** of lakes.



[13 April|09:04pm]

Now that they've had to listen to their dad lecture them on the subject for, like, 100 hours, I bet that the kids on "**How I Met Your Mother**" are sorry they ever asked. By now, the show should be titled, "Hey, Where Are You Going? I'm Not Finished Talking About How I Met Your Mother!"



[16 April|06:17pm]

I was wondering about that thing **mimes** do where they are trapped in a box. Before people knew all about mimes, and miming was just starting out, were people confused by it and thought that maybe the guy actually WAS stuck in a really clear glass box? I can kinda see someone hundreds of years ago in **France** coming along with a hammer to smash the mime out and then accidentally hitting him in the head. Too bad no one does that to mimes today.

[17 April|09:24pm]

[mood] sad]

Sophie lost the spelling bee today. She was really upset about it. She lost on the word "**mozzarella**" — she got nervous and left off one of the l's. She spent all afternoon crying and saying "stupid cheese" over and over and over. My mom and dad took us out to Applebee's to try and make her feel better. It was going OK, until the people at the table next to us ordered mozzarella sticks and Sophie started crying again and we had to move to another table.

[20 April|03:49pm]

[mood] scared]

Sophie came home from school all excited today, and she kept saying "Ohmigod, ohmigod, guess what?" And my mom said "What?" And Sophie said, "Amber Malkin was cheating!" I guess that, after she won the spelling bee, some teachers discovered that Amber wrote some of the hard-to-spell words on her sleeves. And my mom was like, "So, does this mean you get a chance to be your school's spelling bee champion?" And Sophie said, "No. It just means that Amber Malkin doesn't!" And then she laughed and laughed and laughed.

Remind me to never cross my sister. Ever.



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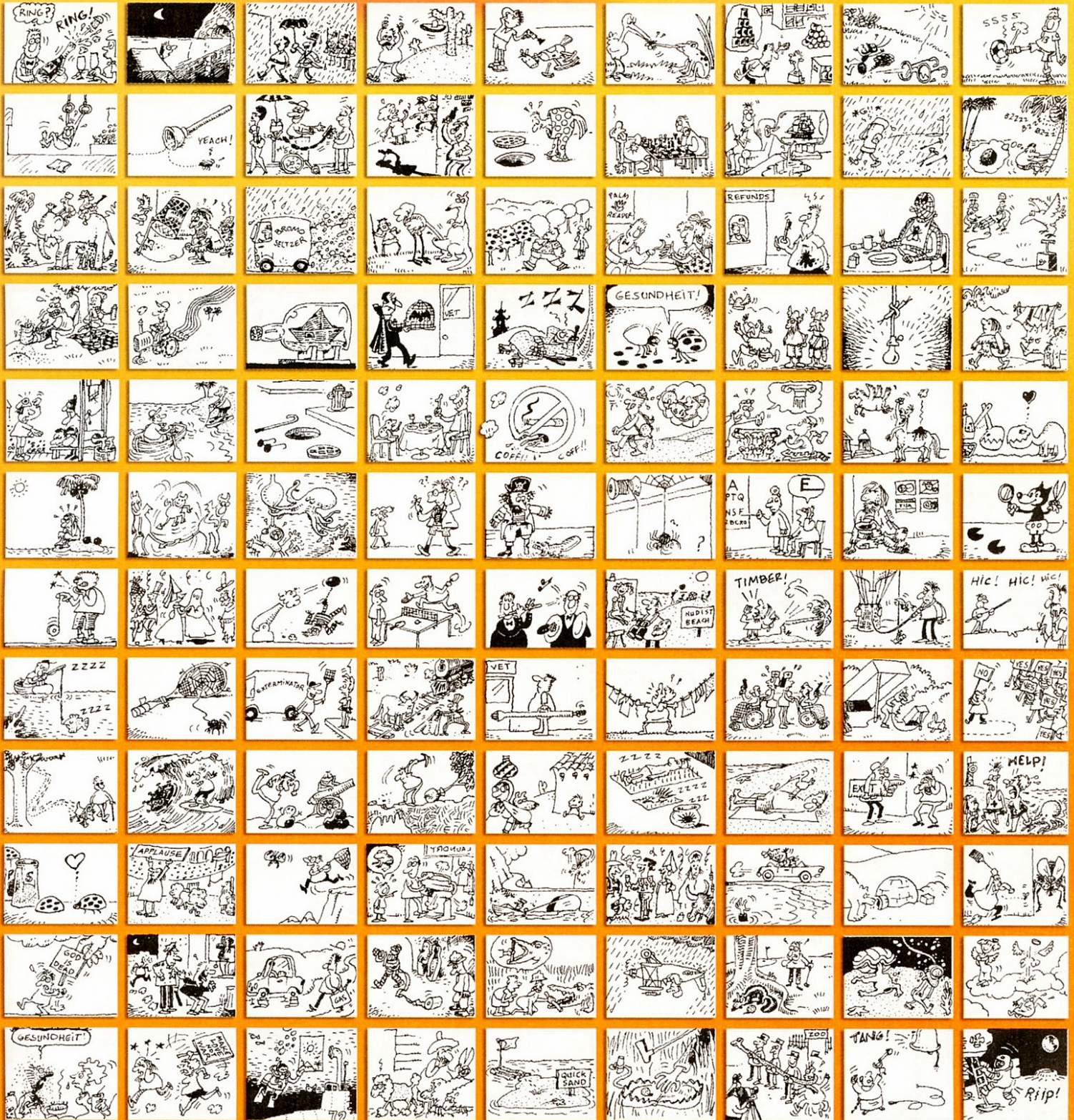
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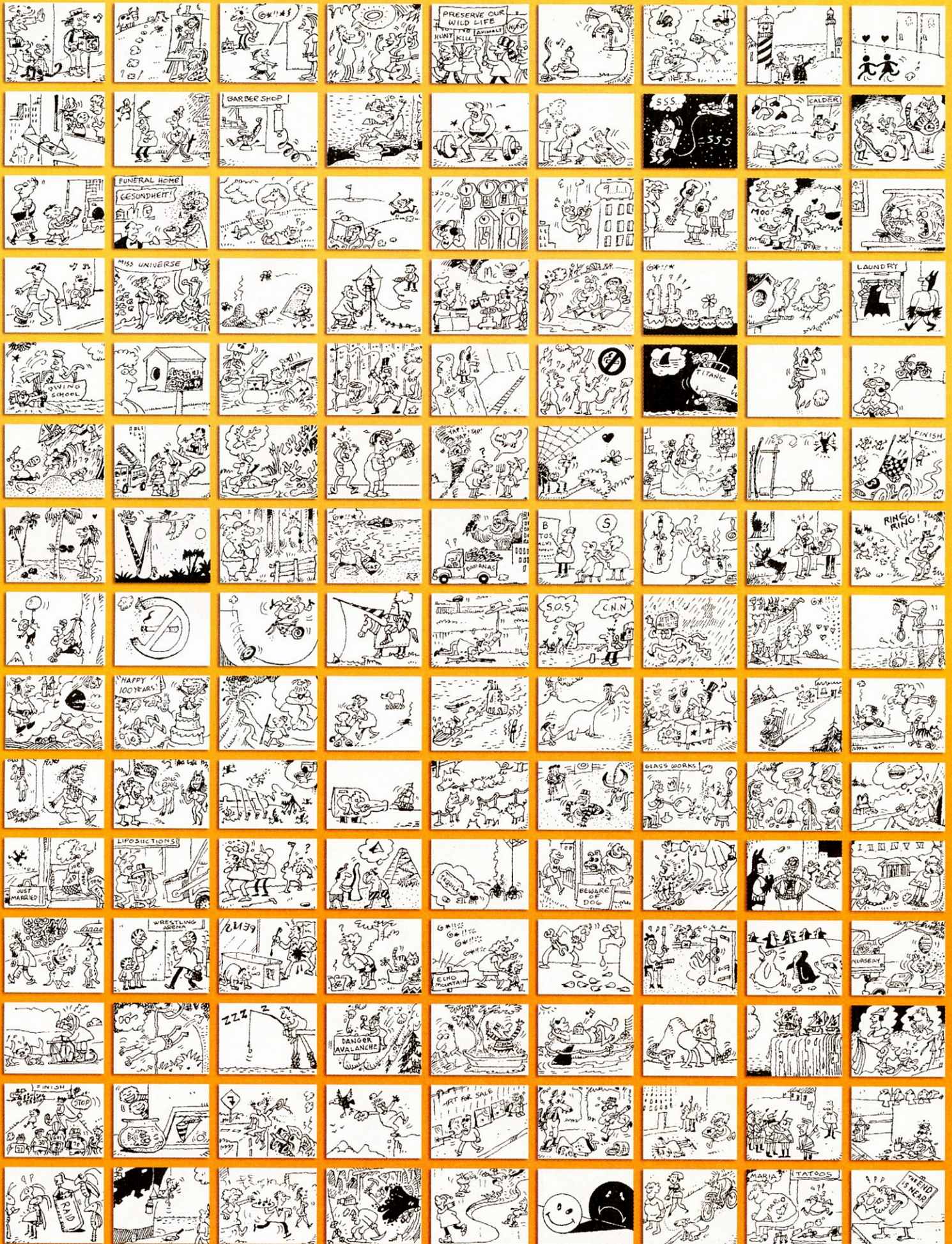
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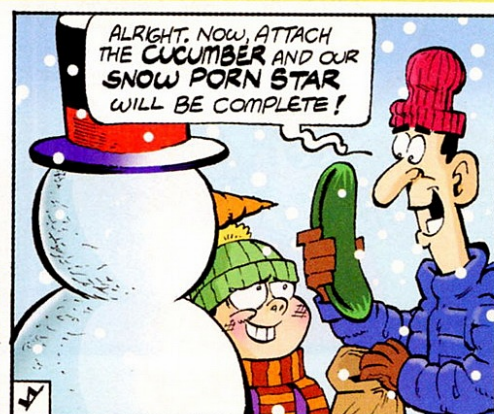
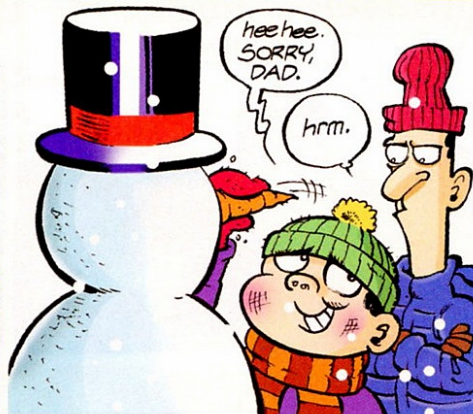
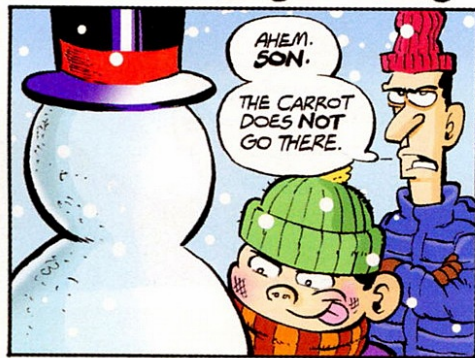


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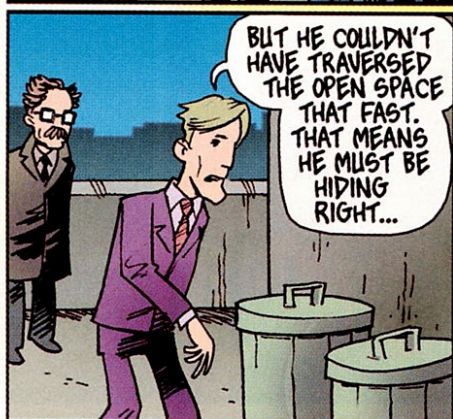
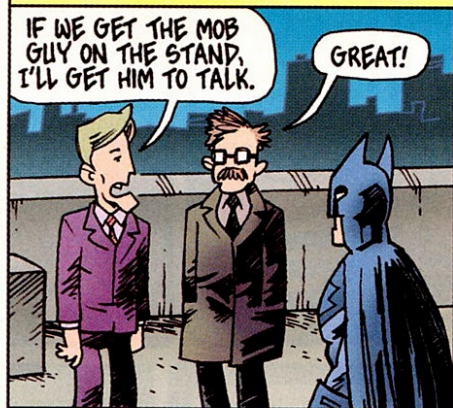
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that sinking feeling



JASON YUNGBLUTH

"A BATTY EXIT"



PAUL GILLIGAN

HI THERE. I'M AN AMERICAN MAN, AND THAT'S WHY I DRINK AN AMERICAN BEER: BUDWEISER. UM, EXCUSE ME.

BUDWEISER IS MADE BY ANHEUSER-BUSCH, WHICH WAS RECENTLY BOUGHT BY THE BELGIAN AND BRAZILIAN COMPANY, INBEV.

OH.

OKAY, WELL, THAT'S WHY I DRINK MICHELOB—MICHELOB IS MADE BY ANHEUSER-BUSCH TOO. THEY ALSO MAKE BUSCH, ROLLING ROCK AND NATURAL ICE.

ALRIGHT, THAT'S WHY I DRINK MILLER—THAT'S OWNED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY, SABMILLER.

THAT'S WHY I DRINK COORS. OWNED BY MOLSON COORS BREWING COMPANY, WHICH IS REALLY A CANADIAN COMPANY.

MAN, THIS IS DEPRESSING. I NEED A DRINK. AT LEAST WE STILL MAKE IRONY.

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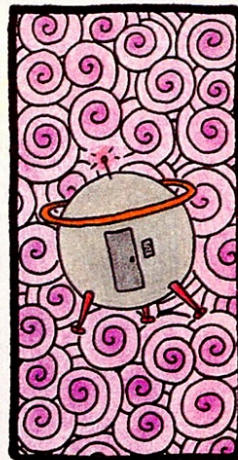
THE MACHINE THAT TRAVELS THROUGH TIME

A parking ticket? But I got back before I left.

Oh, man, I met the hottest twins at the bar last night.

What happened?

I had Gary with me, so of course he messed it up. I wish you had been there with me, man. Chicks love you. We would have totally scored.



LAST NIGHT... So, where are the twins?

They're right over th...

uh-oh.

Hey, listen, I think we've got this covered.

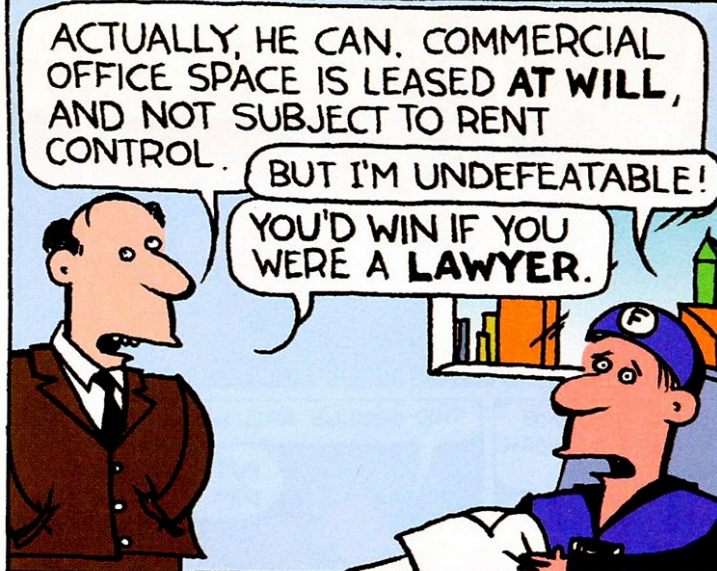
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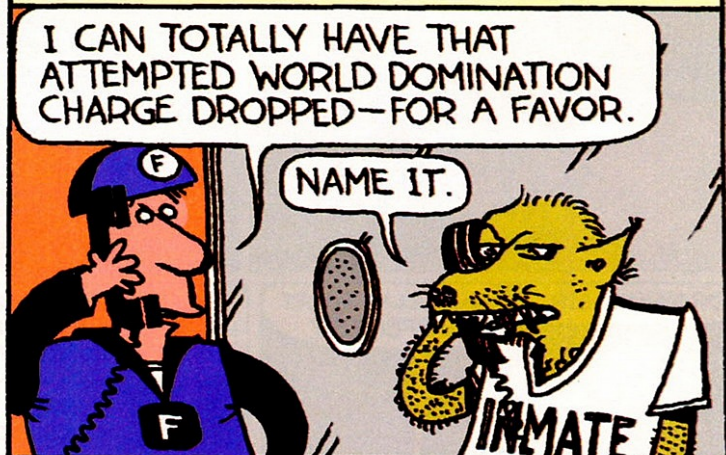
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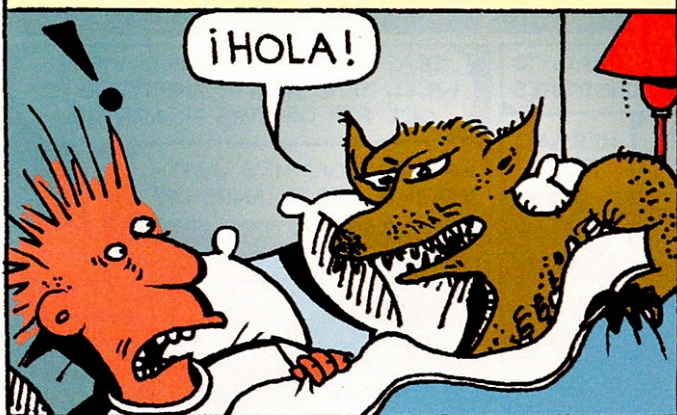
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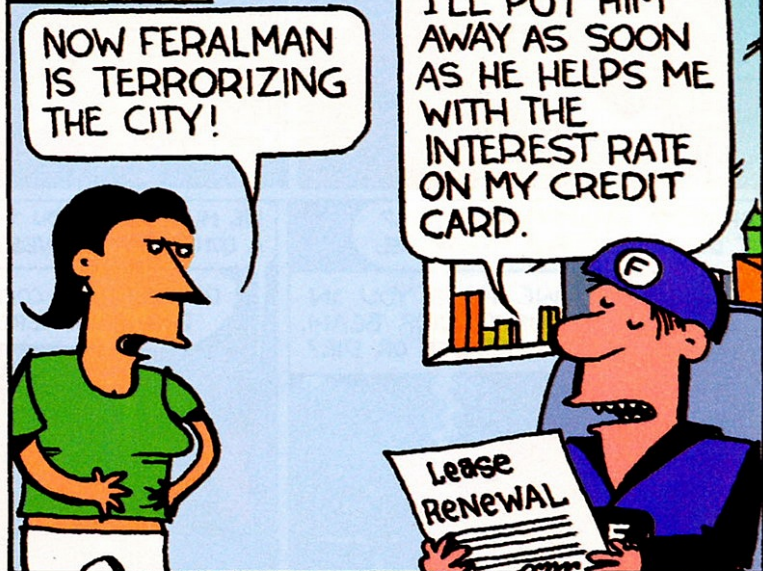
F-MAN HEADS TO THE PRISON, WHERE HE MEETS ONE OF HIS FEARSOME, VANQUISHED FOES.

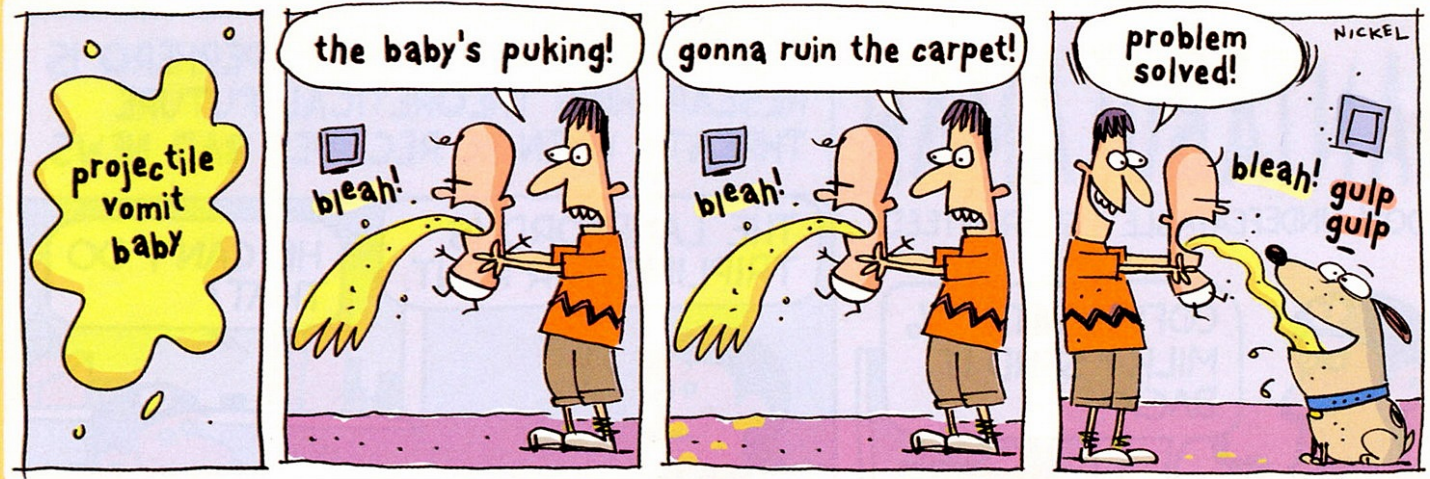


THAT NIGHT, FERAMAN PAYS A VISIT TO THE C.E.O. OF THE 1790 MAIN STREET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION.

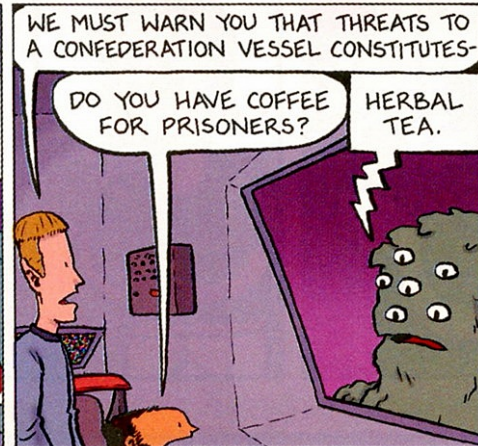
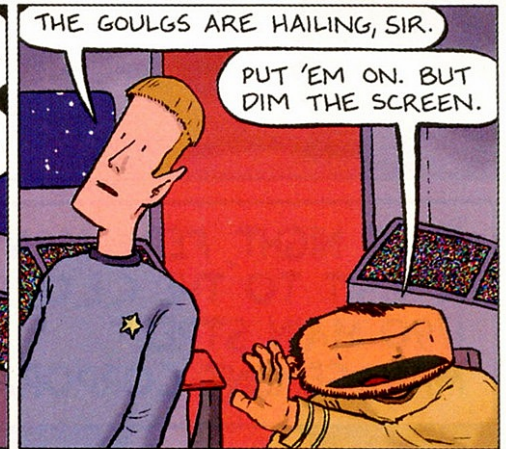
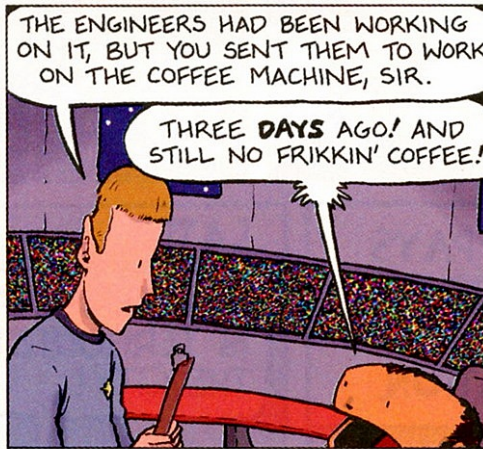
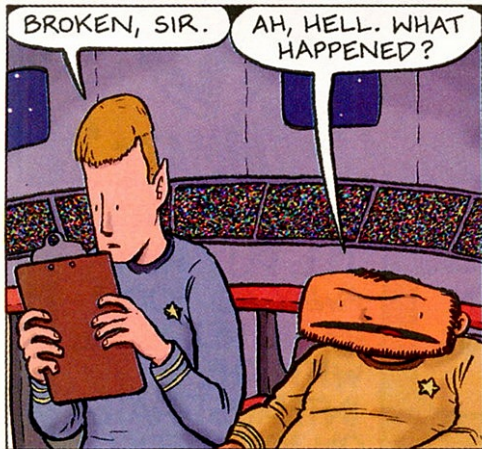
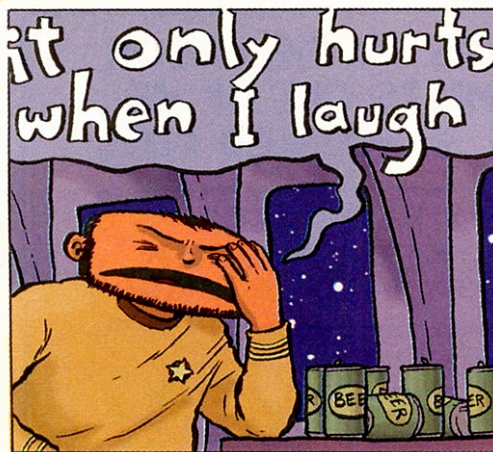


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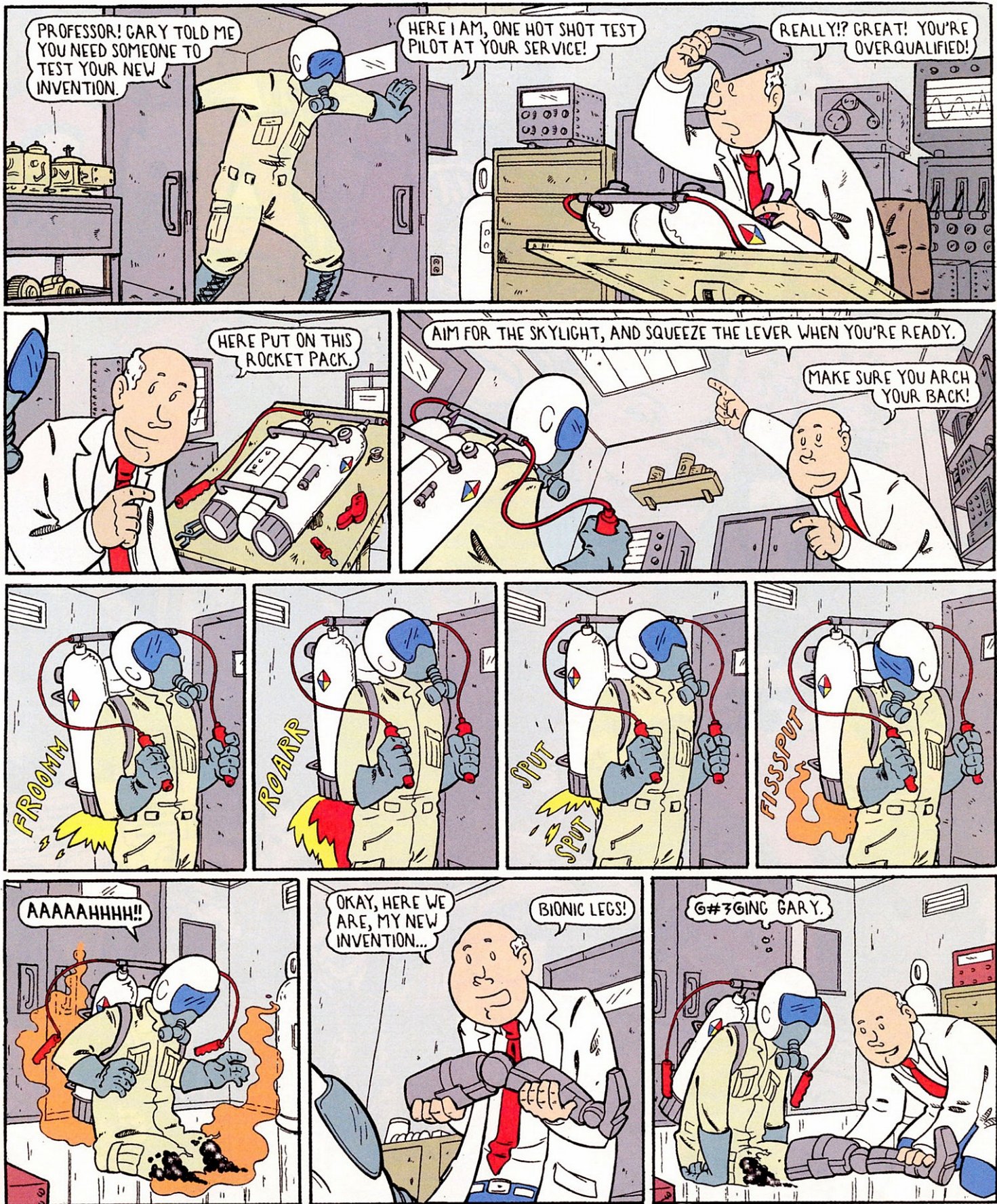


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Not so long ago, in a country not so far away...

HA HA HA

P is for Prozac

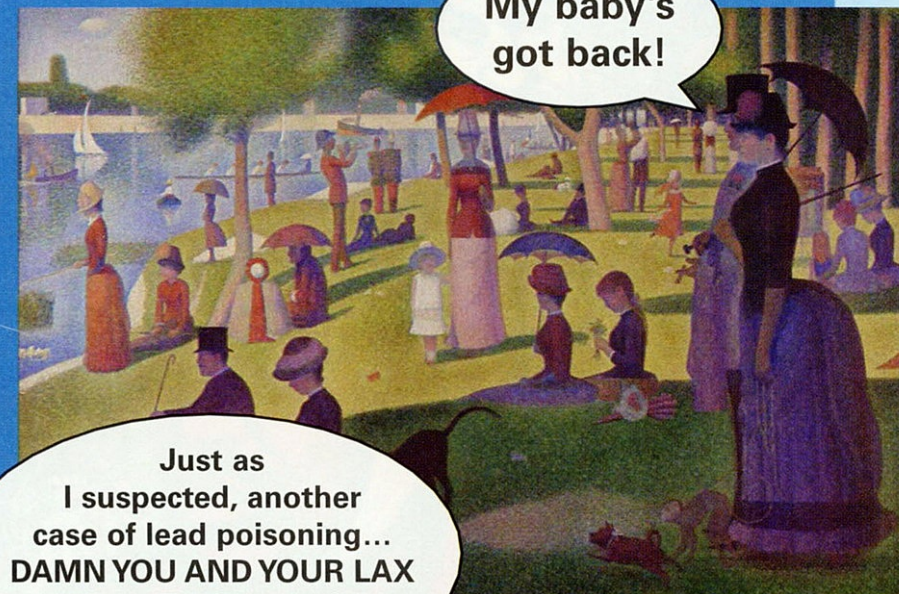
Which ends the depression

You get from the cost

Of an analyst's session.



My baby's got back!



Just as I suspected, another case of lead poisoning... DAMN YOU AND YOUR LAX REGULATIONS, CHINA!



If they test me for steroids I'm dead!

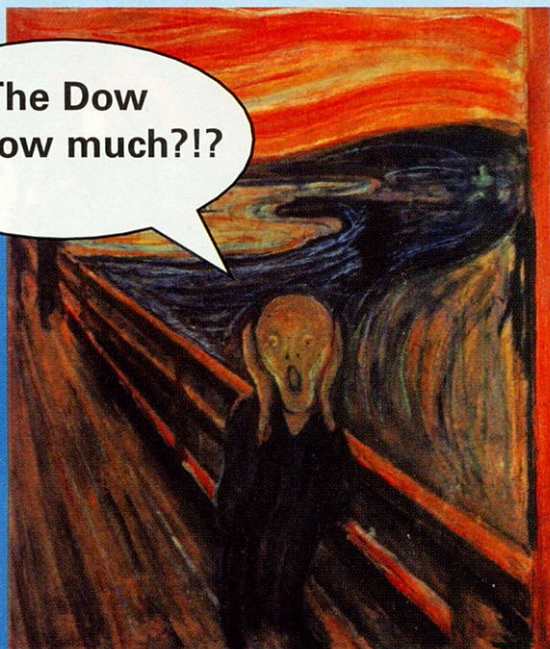
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A MAD Factoid... The heaviest MAD book ever was MAD's Greatest Artist, The Completely MAD Don Martin weighing in at 15 lbs., 1 1/2 oz.

The Dow fell how much?!?



WRITER: ADAM RUST



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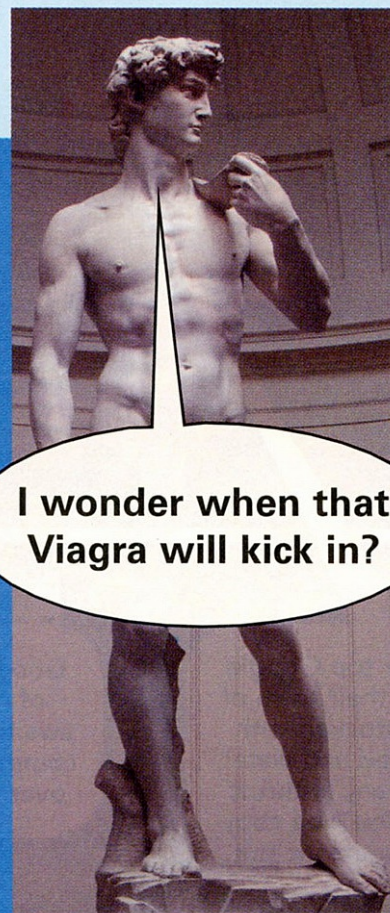
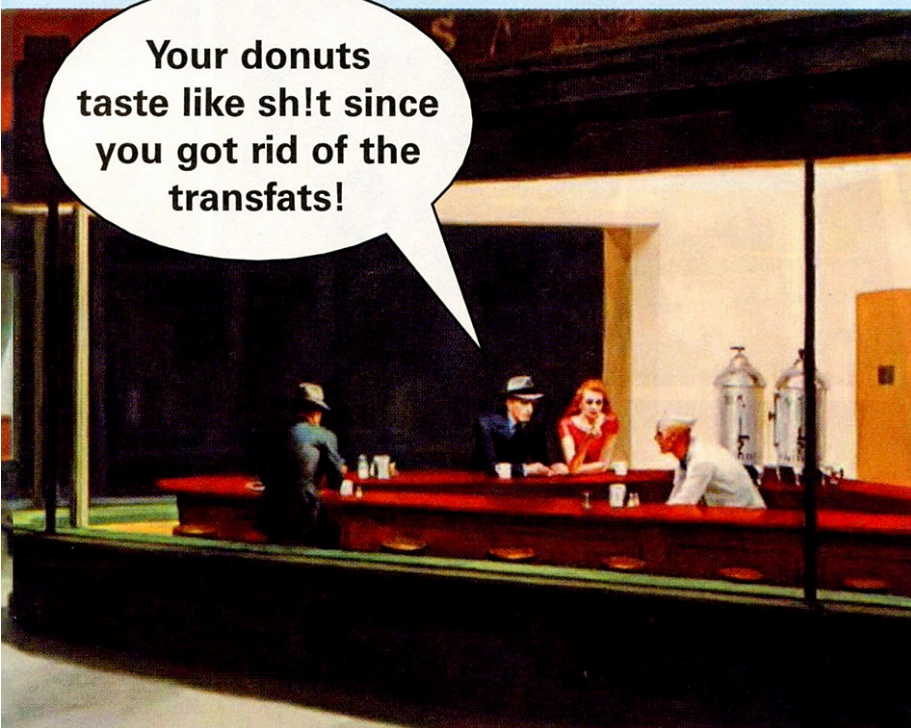
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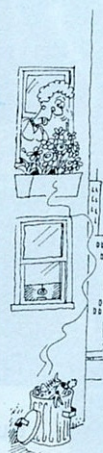
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THEY WOULD BE SAYING TODAY

Your donuts
taste like sh!t since
you got rid of the
transfats!



I wonder when that
Viagra will kick in?





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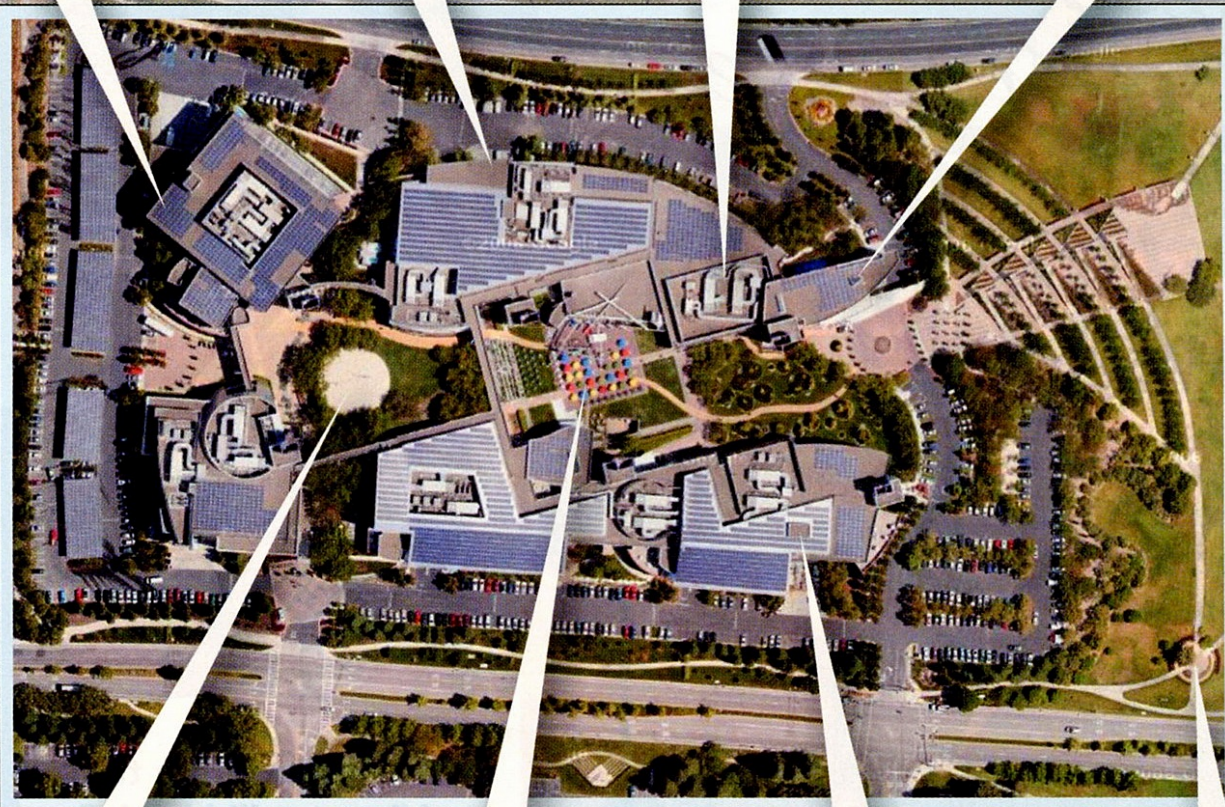
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Drop slot for bribes from companies wanting to move up on Google's search results list.

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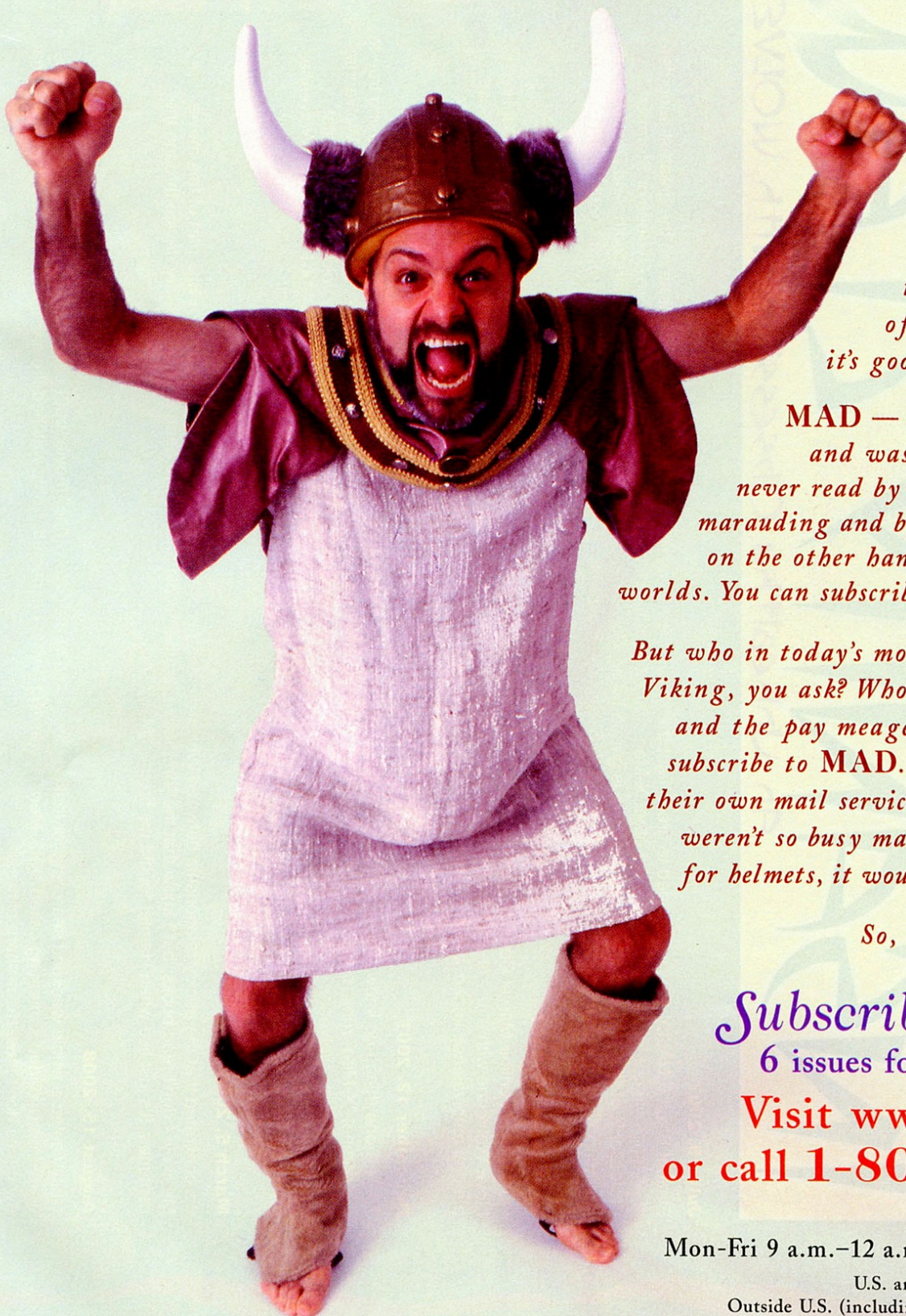
Bunker for top Google execs and their team of lawyers, stocked with enough food and water to outlast any antitrust lawsuit or YouTube copyright infringement suit.

Google's swarm of nanobots, awaiting the final command to take over the planet.

Pod of Chinese censors, to erase references to "Tibet" and "Falun Gong" from any Google searches made in China.

Elevator to Google's underground cavern of gold.

An important message from MAD's
Director of Business & Development,
JEFFREY LOZENGE



It is often said that "the fruit doesn't fall far from the pond" and that "if you want something done right, forget it." To that, I might add, "a pound of cheese is good, especially if it's good cheese." My point is clear.

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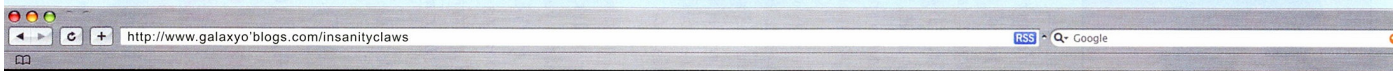
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An Unhealthy Obsession with WOLVERINE

July 19, 2007

Elation! Bliss! FINALLY, they've decided to green light the Wolverine movie. At long last, we can concentrate on the greatest superhero of all time, without being distracted by the other X-Men characters eating up Wolverine's screen time. No more Cyclops or Storm or Professor X or that stupid Nightcrawler. This film is gonna be all Wolverine, all the time. And just a little Sabretooth. And Deadpool, of course. And Gambit, Agent Zero, Weapon XI, Kestrel, Silver Fox, Blackwing, Emma Frost and the Blob. What a breath of fresh air!

September 25, 2007

I just took an online Marvel Comics personality quiz. You answer 25 questions, and they tell you which character you are most like. I love Wolverine with every fiber of my being, so naturally I assumed I would be him. Like the clawed one, I feel that I too possess a moral ambivalence tinged with mystery that only barely contains a boiling berserker savagery. But I turned out to be Aunt May.

December 12, 2007

There's one thing I do know. The screenplay and the characterization need to faithfully honor the character! That means staying true to the original "X-Men" runs (both "Astonishing" and "Uncanny"), as well as the 1982 mini-series arc, 1984's "Kitty Pryde and Wolverine," both the 1990s "Wolverine" title and the "Wolverine Origins" spinoff, "Weapon X, Volume 1," "Weapon X, Volume 2," the "Fatal Attractions" crossover saga, the "House of M" event series, and the more recent triad of "New Avengers," "X-Force," and "Wolverine: First Class." But as long as the movie sticks closely to the plots of those 900 comic books, I won't complain.

March 5, 2008

It's confirmed that the prickly relationship between Wolverine and his brother Sabretooth is going to be a BIG part of this movie. Me likey! I don't read books, but I know that the "brother vs. brother" motif has always been a classic literary device through the centuries. It's just like when Hamlet fought his brother, Moby Dick.

August 15, 2008

I just wasted a whole weekend searching for leaked video clips of the "Wolverine" movie, but I came up empty. The closest I got was when I downloaded something called "XXX-Men." It was NOT what I expected. I only watched it eight times. For once, I was glad that my hands don't have razor-sharp claws.

November 8, 2008

Well, I couldn't wait another minute. Since the real trailer won't be out for another four days, I made my own fan trailer and posted it on YouTube. It's got a lot of old X-Men film footage, plus the music from "300," and an *Access Hollywood* interview I found with Hugh Jackman. Once they find out how much copyrighted material I repurposed, YouTube will probably make me take it down. I don't think that will happen until my video gets at least one viewer, though. It's been up for a week and so far I'm safe.

November 12, 2008

Now I know how Moses must have felt when he glimpsed the Promiscuous Land. Mine eyes have seen the FIRST FULL LENGTH TRAILER for "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." So many cool scenes to choose between! But I think the highlight had to be when Logan claws a speeding military jeep in half while steering his motorcycle with the other hand, then uses the recoil from a missile blast to flip up onto a helicopter. Sheer perfection. The expression on his face is EXACTLY the same look that I would have, if I were in an identical situation.

January 14, 2009

This site isn't getting as many visits as I hoped it would, so I've decided to add a new feature: Movie Profile of the Day. I thought I'd start with Kevin Durand, who is playing the role of The Blob. Unfortunately, I don't know anything about this guy or his work. I just hope he has the talent, charisma and understanding of the actor's craft that's required to play a really, really fat guy.

February 23, 2009

My boy Hugh Jackman hosted the Academy Awards. Of course he did a great job, even though he didn't kill anybody. I thought for sure he'd disembowel Waterhouse. I also thought they were set to promote "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" when I spotted a juiced-up mutant with thick, armor-plated skin and animal hair. But it was just Mickey Rourke.

I'm glad Hugh Jackman stopped hosting the Tony Awards, and moved up to the Oscars. I know Jackman's a charismatic star of musical theater. But when I think of Hugh Jackman, in my mind I picture a shirtless man in torn spandex pants, rising out of a tank of liquid, with rippling muscles dripping in sweat. I never liked him on the Tonys, though...that show's kind of gay.

April 2, 2009

I decided it'd be cool to go to the premiere in costume! Problem: I need to grow some Wolverine sideburns of my own. Nothing's worked. Not even after I rubbed some Nu-Gro lotion onto my jowls. I'm almost positive that I bought the hair kind, not the plant kind. After that failed, I tried another strategy to create sideburns. But the pipe cleaners didn't look like real hair. That left me with my last-ditch plan. I shaved the cat and glued the fur to my face. I don't like to admit it, but I think the hair looked better on the cat's ass. Even worse, I just found out he's got fleas.

April 30, 2009

The wait is 99.999999 over! I pre-ordered my Fandango ticket for the midnight show! I'm so jazzed and overexcited, my skin is breaking out! Although that could be a reaction to the leftover cat ass hair I couldn't scrub off. Wolverine! Wolverine! Wolverine!

May 1, 2009

Well, it's 4:30 a.m. and I'm texting this message from the holding center at Juvie. I was at the premiere, and the crowd was revved up. So I pull out my phone to snap a pic for the blog. Out of nowhere, this multiplex nazi runs over, screaming about bootlegging and how the "no outside recording devices" sign isn't a joke. He pulled me out of the theater just as the movie was starting, and he tried to confiscate my phone. Everything happened fast after that, but somehow I ended up punching my fist through a cardboard standup ad for "Hannah Montana: The Movie."

Now I'm banned from the theater, I have a June court date, I'm sitting in a low-security pen dressed as Wolverine, and the other detainee keeps telling me that if I fall asleep, I'm going to "meet Colossus." The big night has turned into X-crement. I wish I could retcon my life.



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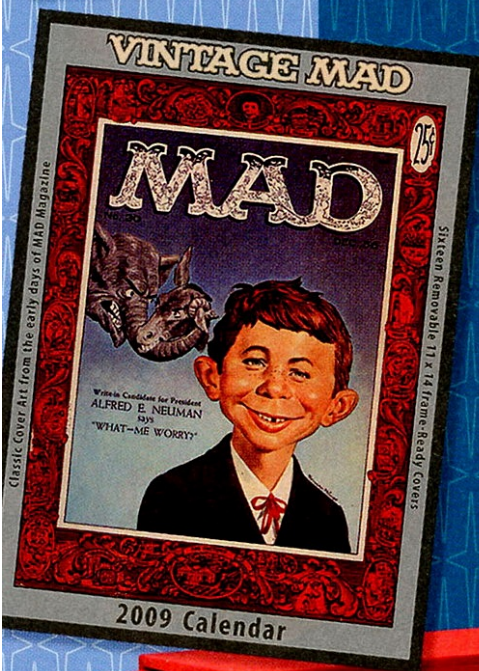
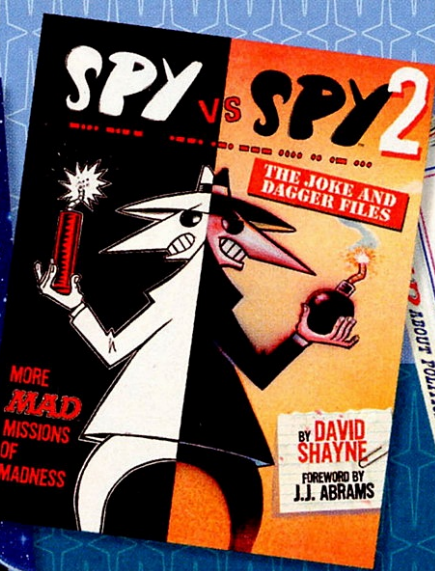
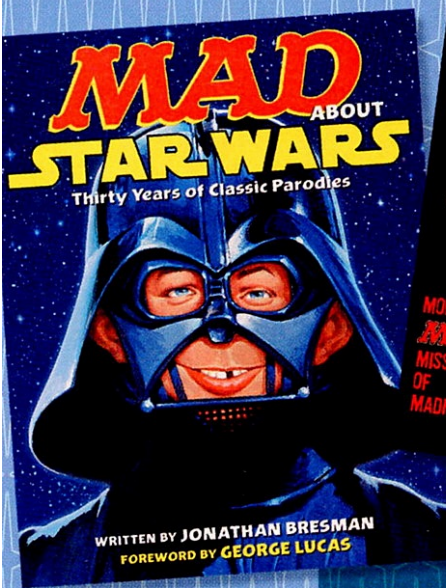
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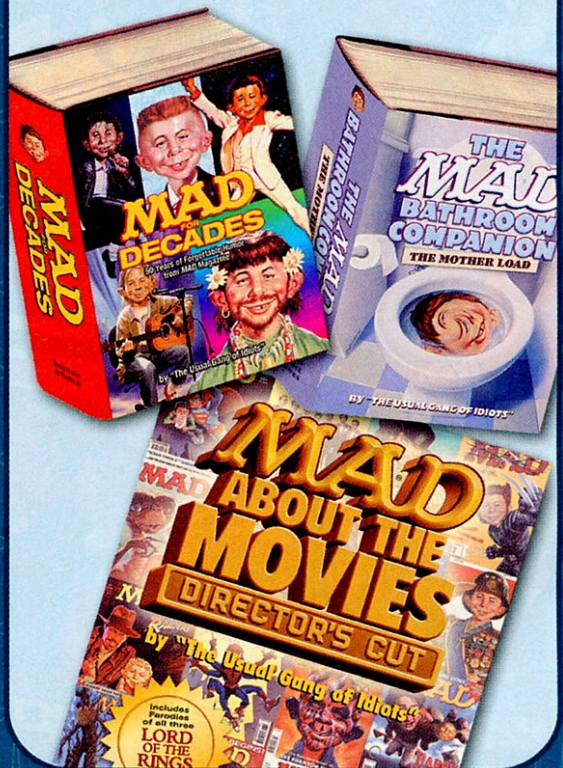
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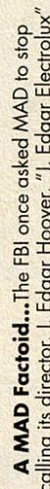


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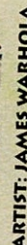




The Bailout Hymn of the Republic



*Lordy, lordy, how they blunder!
Major banks now going under!
Years of savings torn asunder —
Our hopes and dreams are gone!*



ARTIST: GERRY GERSTEN



We're now burdened with a stimulus
that doesn't stimulate,
Full of all the pork and earmarks
that Pelosi could create;
If that's "change we can believe in,"
then it's time to emigrate —
Once more they've led us on!

*Bailout billions they are spending!
Down and down we are descending!
Don't expect a happy ending —
Once more they've led us on!*

See the Big Three automakers
begging Congress on their knees,
"All we need is 15 billion —
won't you help us, pretty please?"
They fly high in private jets
but can't outsell the Japanese —
Their screw-ups still go on!

*Jesus Chrysler, though they're sweating,
Tens of billions they'll be netting!
They'll be back again, we're betting!
Their screw-ups still go on!*



ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

Fanny Mae and Freddy Mac allowed
the sub-prime loans to tank,
Which brought on the home foreclosures
when the housing market sank;
If you want to play the blame game,
give a nod to Barney Frank —
The madness still goes on!

*Daily, daily, repossession!
More like legalized oppression!
Surely heading for depression!
The madness still goes on!*

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES



A MAD FACTOID... Only one president in office since MAD's inception has not been spoofed on its cover — Gerald Ford



We've beheld the massive layoffs
at Alcoa and Mattel,
At Home Depot, Nike, Target, (gulp!)
at Microsoft as well;
Will your ass soon join the masses
of discarded personnel?
The glory years are gone!

*State by state, our woes are spreadin' —
Day by day we're surely headin'
Down the road to Armageddon —
The glory years are gone!*

With Obama in the White House
we can sit back and relax,
Though he's tried to push through nominees
who've cheated on their tax,
And his spending spree's enormous
and will stretch us to the max,
We all must cheer him on!

*Glory, glory, idolize him!
Praise his name and lionize him!
Shame on all who satirize him —
We all must cheer him on!*



ARTIST: RICHARD WILLIAMS

What, us worry? Yes, we do because
our future's far from clear;
Though we used to publish monthly,
now it's just four times a year;
Hey, Obama, use your clout and send
some bailout money here —
Somehow we'll stumble on!

*Hurry, hurry, please don't blow it!
Send a billion and we'll owe it!
Sure, it's pork, but who's to know it?
Somehow we'll stumble on!*



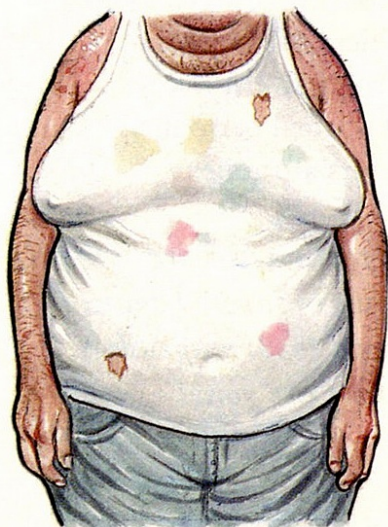


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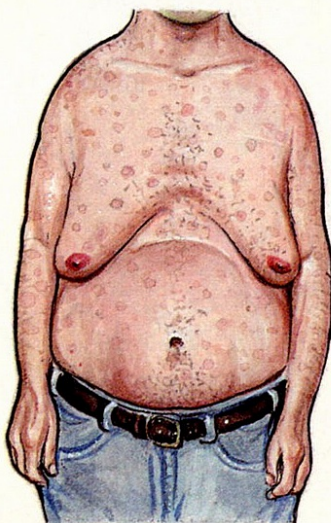
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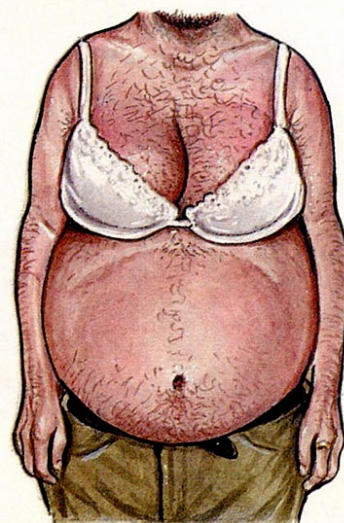
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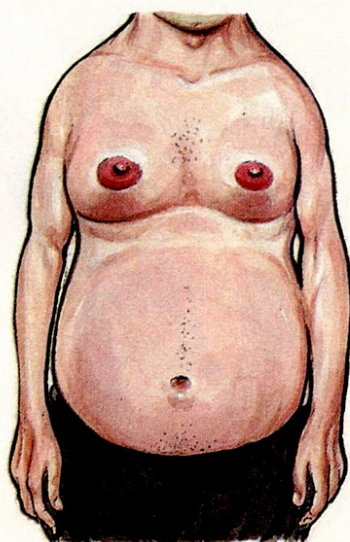
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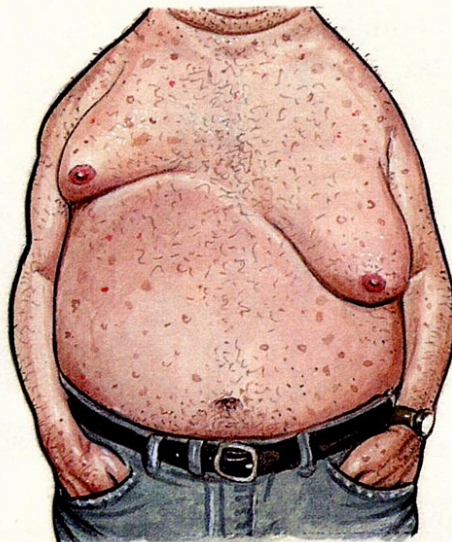
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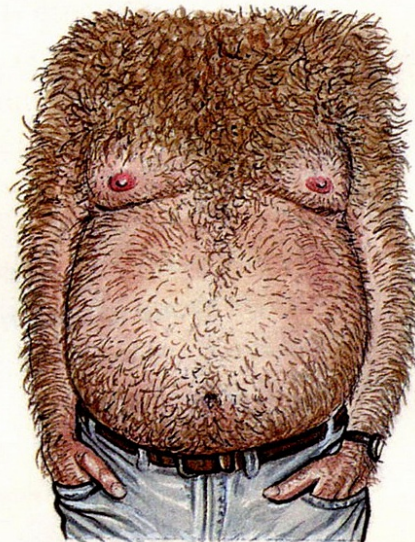
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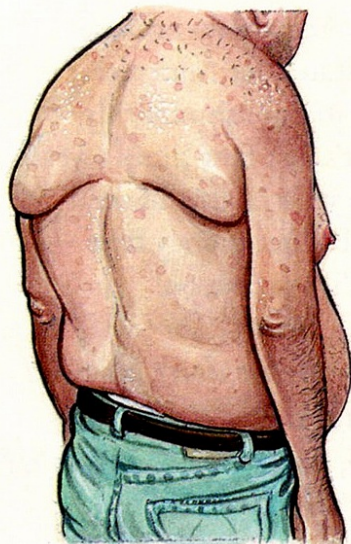
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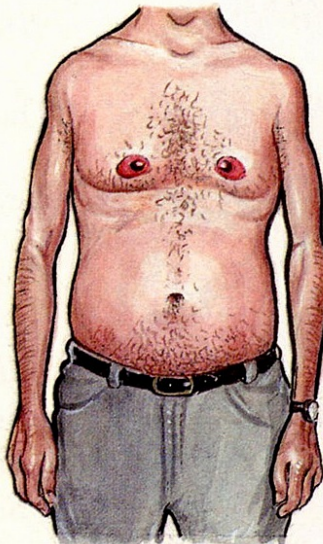
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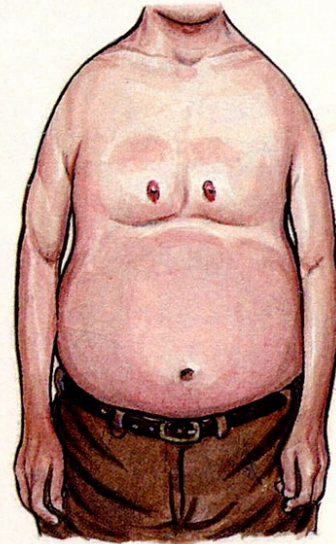
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Back Boobs



Cross-Eyes



Frightened Freckles

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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

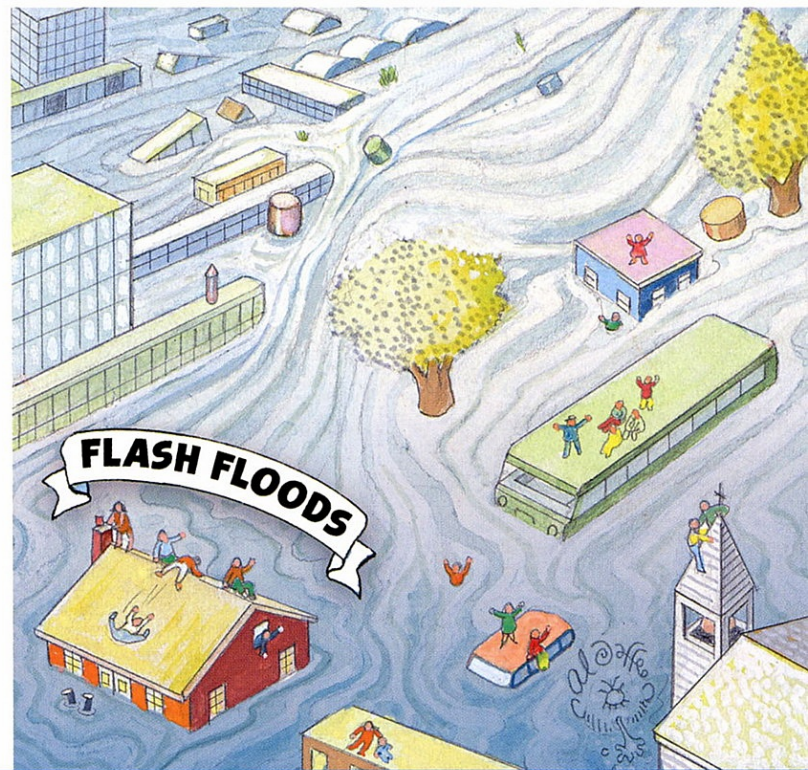
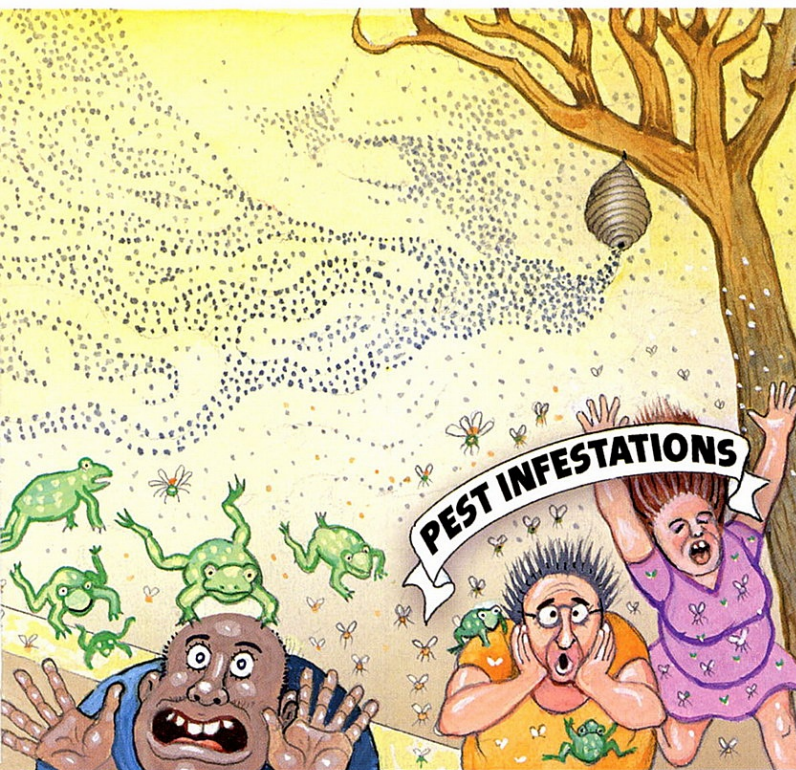
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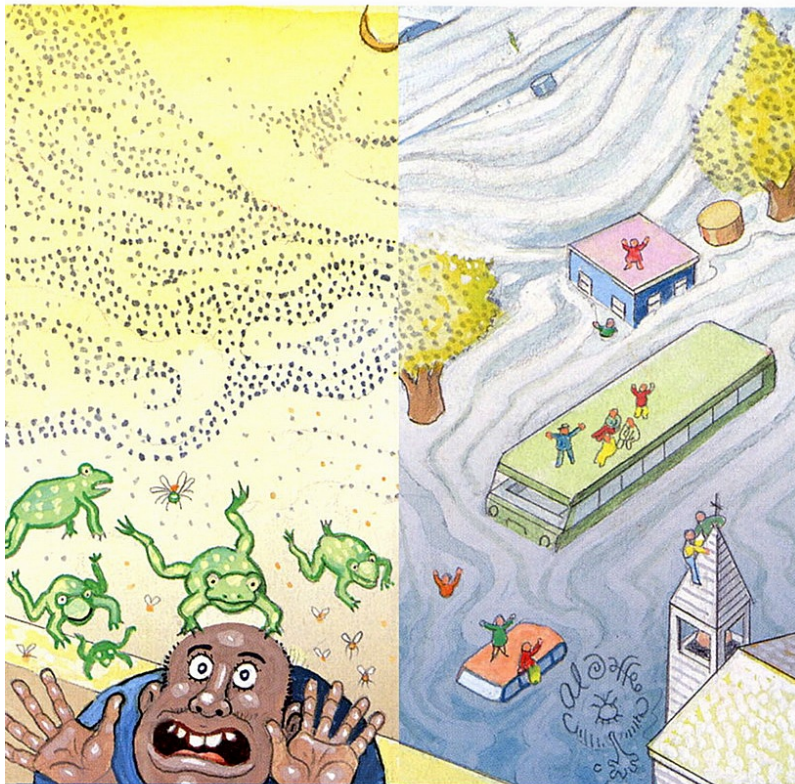
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